

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
November 7, 2016

Office of the Ottawa County Clerk  
8:00 a.m.  
Regular Session

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner Kathy M. Luthi, Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, Commissioner James P. Kay, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting in prayer, then led the group in the flag salute.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:25 a.m. No decision was made.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, visited with the commissioners on the tax abatement resolution. They will do a more thorough review next week with Phil. Phil shared information with the commissioners from the Kansas Corporation Division on an energy savings program for the courthouse facilities.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, and Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator in training, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon discussed prospective employees and the CDL program. Shannon reported on training he is attending this week. Shannon gave the commissioners proposals for a backhoe. Foley Equipment, Caterpillar 420F2 2016, \$98,000; and The Victor L Phillips, 580SN Case, \$52,104. Both totals are with trade-in included. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the purchase of a Case backhoe from The Victor L Phillips Company, for \$104,104, less trade-in of \$52,000, for a total of \$52,104. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The group discussed bridges that needed replaced, and Commissioner Kay spoke of the broken bridge west of Delphos. Commissioner Kay said that he has talked to Bob Martin, Farm Bureau Insurance, about a bridge years ago that Farm Bureau paid out on, and Mr. Martin said that as long as the bridge was posted with the weight limit, that the liability falls back on the individual that broke it and their insurance company, and there should be no reason why the current bridge that is broke west of Delphos, has drug out this long. Commissioner Kay said that he thinks the county should spend the money and hire an attorney to process the matter on the county's end. It was decided to start the plans for 3 bridges for next year, and see if they can be done. John asked if the commissioners had made a decision about his raise request from a few weeks ago, and the commissioners said they just couldn't do it.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 39, Sedgwick County 3, City of Minneapolis 1, and Ottawa County 8. Keith reported on roof top unit proposals: Griffin's Contracting, one unit 8 ½ ton - \$8,835, or two units - \$14,212; Pestinger Heating and Air, one unit 8 ½ ton - \$10,100, or two units - \$17,100; Comfort Heating and Air, one unit 8 ½ ton - \$8,235, or two units - \$13,845. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the quote from Comfort Heating and Air for the two roof top units for \$13,845. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Keith discussed other repair upgrades that are needed.

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With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.