

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 1, 2016

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

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

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

The annual township reports of Fountain, Chapman, Buckeye, Richland, Stanton, Culver, Concord, and Sheridan were examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Abatement's were approved.

Ralph Shank was an observer.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, went over a revolving loan fund program with the board. The commissioners said they would look it over.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John said that Westar is doing some work in the county, and has not come in and got a permit. John said he took the information to the county attorney last week.

Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, came in and recommended Marvin Ballou as possible help at the Museum. He has already been working as a volunteer when needed. Commissioner Luthi asked what the budget looked like for extra help. Jettie said that he has not looked at budget. Commissioner Luthi asked how many part-time employees he had now, and Jettie said two. Jettie said that he didn't know for sure if Marvin would be needed, while Jettie was gone, but he could. Commissioner Luthi asked what the Museum Board has said, and Jettie said he thought they agreed to it. Commissioner Kay, who has attended the board meetings, said that they thought if he was needed, the board approved it. The commissioners said that the first thing would be is for him to check the budget. Commissioner Luthi said for Jettie to set-up a work schedule first, with the other two part-time employees, and see what they can work for the time he is going to be gone.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 29, and Ottawa County 6. Keith reported on a roof leak at the jail. Keith reported on other items that need to be fixed. Keith said that he is having problems getting applications for correction officers. Keith said that he ordered a new patrol vehicle to replace the one that was totaled.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, stopped in and brought an estimate for the 2006 Buick emergency management vehicle that needs a head gasket replaced. She gave the commissioners an estimate

from Auto-Tek, for a re-conditioned head. They will fix the head if they can. The commissioners said to get it fixed.

At 11:22 a.m., Commissioner Kay moved to recess until 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

At 1:00 p.m., the annual solid waste meeting was held. Those present were the commissioners, Dave Hardesty, Landfill Operator, Ryan White, City of Minneapolis Mayor, Kerm Wedel, Minneapolis City Council, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Karen Kiser, City of Delphos, Judith Swagerty, Vice-Chairman, City of Bennington, and Jo Mesecher, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant. Judith called the meeting to order. The financial report was given by Commissioner Luthi. Commissioner Luthi went over 2015 Solid Waste tonnage hauled to Salina, 2218.98 tons, and the spring, and fall clean-up tonnage. Spring clean-up was 36.35, and fall clean-up, 27.72. The financial report was approved. The minutes of February 2, 2015, were read. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi said that the commissioners discussed raising the annual solid waste fees approximately .50 cents a month. Ryan asked what the long-term maintenance plan was, and if there were any large projects. John said they were waiting on RMA Engineering to get him information on the new cell and the water in it. John said that there is a certain dollar amount that needs to be in the fund for a large clean-up, which will need to be researched. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to raise the landfill fee .50 cents a month for residential. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Tire dumping was addressed, with Commissioner Luthi moving to increase car tires to \$3.00 each (\$4.00 on rim), and 16" – 20" tires, \$6.00 each (\$8.50 on rim). Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kay moved to increase C/D Material to \$33.50, to keep up with what the City of Salina is charging the county to dump, effective March 1, 2016. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Special businesses and industrial rates were visited on. After discussion, it was decided to monitor the dumping, and the commissioners would adjust accordingly. Dave gave contractor report, stating that tonnage hauled to Salina was up 120 tons. Plus tonnage dumped at the landfill was up. The clean-up dates for 2016 were set beginning Saturday, April 23, and Monday, April 25-Saturday, April 30. The fall clean-up was set beginning Saturday, October 1, and Monday, October 3-Saturday October 8. The tire amnesty clean-up was set for Monday, April 25- Saturday, April 30. Judy asked what the commissioners consider when waiving landfill fees. The commissioners said if the home is no livable, no power or water, than if requested, more than likely it will be waived. Other discussion was held on not-for-profit organizations, and whether they should be charged when most generate waste. Judith thought that most organizations were probably not generating much waste compared to residential homes. Dave reported on how often they picked up some of the organizations. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to charge non-profits \$50 a year. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Election of officers – Kerm moved to elect Judith as Chairman of the solid waste committee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Luthi moved to elect Ryan as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Judith said that she will gather information on the E-Waste program. She also reported that they are having issues with pick-up for their recycling material. They found another place to pick-up the material. The commissioners said that the county would be placing the solid waste fees for the City of Minneapolis on the tax roll this year. All solid waste fees collected throughout the county will now be handled the same way, billed on individual's tax statement. With no further business to conduct, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m. Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners placed a telephone call to Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, about training for the transportation department.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.