

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

The official minutes of April 11, 2011, were approved and signed.

The commissioners met at Lakeview to view an easement that has been requested to be vacated. They returned to the office at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Kent Carlson, and Allan Bingham. Truette McQueen, County Appraiser joined the group. Truette explained the history of the easement. Commissioner McGavran moved to vacate the easement as requested. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to have the county attorney draw up paperwork to keep the two remaining easements open along the East side of the Northeast quarter of 7-11-2. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 11-12, was signed declaring the following easement as vacated: Beginning at Lot Eight (8) Block Three (3) and continuing North Forty Feet (40') in Lot Eight (8), in C.C. Schur's First Addition to Lakeview, Section Seven (7), Township Eleven (11) Range Two (2), West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Richland Township, Ottawa County, Kansas.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, met with the commissioners and said that the tractor/mower approved last week, the company can not get until mid-August. Jamie Rice, Concordia Tractor Inc., was present. He gave the commissioners a proposal for a 7130 John Deere tractor, for \$83,352.93. Commissioner McGavran moved to purchase the tractor/mower from Concordia Tractor Inc., for the original price (\$83,352.93), with delivery no later than May 31, 2011. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. John said that Chuck Kiefer, All About Construction, called him, and said that he would do the north parking lot in stages. The commissioners said that they would like to wait and see what the budget looks like later in the year. John discussed employee matters.

Judy Swagerty, Bennington City Clerk, met with the commissioners and discussed the E-Waste program set for May 2-May 7, 2011. She gave the board a list of items accepted and items not accepted.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, stopped in and let the commissioners know that the change in vehicle software is now scheduled for November. They have received their new equipment and therefore, they have monitors that they are no longer using. She

wondered how she can get rid of them. The commissioners said that if any county office needs them, they should be offered to them first. After that, the commissioners said she could use a bid process for them outside of the county.

Commissioner Kay said that Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, had called Jim's Motor and Machine, and they will overhaul his motor on the forklift for \$1,250. Commissioner McGavran moved to allow the repair from Jim's Motor and Machine for \$1,250. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 29, Ottawa County 2, and Saline County 1. Keith reported that KDOC inspected the jail last week, and they should have a contract soon. Keith reported that the storms that rolled through last week, two tornado warnings were issued for Ottawa County. Keith discussed a phone call he received from the Saline County Sheriff, asking what Keith knew about jail consolidation that was being discussed by commissioners. Keith said that he didn't know anything. The commissioners said that this was conversation from awhile back, and the Sheriff's weren't interested. Keith asked if they have decided what they are going to do with Emergency Management Coordinator position. Commissioner Luthi asked if Keith would be available this Friday to met with a Saline County Commissioner, Saline County Emergency Management and herself. Keith said that he would have to check his schedule, but he didn't think the infrastructure would work with Saline County/Ottawa County.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, and Betty Mick, County Attorney, met with the board and discussed Economic Development tax abatement program, and Neighborhood Revitalization. Phil said that the tax abatement program was pretty much what all other counties have. Truette said that he thought this program should be established. Truette explained the process of getting the program approved. The group will continue discussion next week, as the commissioners needed to adjourn to a meeting at the Hospital.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.