

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
January 8, 2018

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

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

Bruce Shields opened the meeting in prayer, then Commissioner Kay led the group in the flag salute.

An abatement was approved.

Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the schedule for use of the meeting room for Woodsdale and Solomon Valley 4-H groups, as requested. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:19 a.m. for seven minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the person. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:26 a.m. No decision was made.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, worked on revisions with the commissioners on the employee handbook.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, gave the commissioners revised figures on the total cost of the Tescott Bridge repair, which was \$107,776.17. Shannon reported on what crews were doing. Commissioner Kay said that he has been asked why Shannon needs the shell cover on the county pickup. Shannon replied that it keeps the tools he carries protected from theft, and from the weather. It also helps some in fuel economy.

The commissioners held reorganization. Commissioner Luthi moved to nominate Karen S. Brumbaugh as Chairman of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners for 2018. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to nominate James P. Kay as Vice-Chairman of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners for 2018. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Luthi moved to re-appoint the following department heads for their respective offices for 2018: Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator; Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator; Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator; Matt Dixon, Custodian; Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator; Samantha Davis, Museum Curator; and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Luthi moved to designate the following banks as the County's official depositories for 2018: Bennington State Bank, Minneapolis; Bennington State Bank, Bennington; Citizens State Bank, Minneapolis; Citizens State Bank, Delphos; and Bank of Tescott, Tescott. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Luthi moved to designate the following as the official county newspaper for 2018: Messenger Publishing Company. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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Prisoner count was reported Saline County 37, KDOC 1, and Ottawa County 5.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, reported on an issue with the pipes that are connected to the new circulation pump. There was a leak, and Griffin's came and looked, and verified that it needed replaced. They have tape on it now, which is holding. They are waiting on parts, and a time when the temperature is at least in the 50's, to repair. The commissioners went and looked at the pipe. Matt asked what it would take to acquire a used county pickup that isn't being used any longer, to leave for him to use to haul off leaves, haul items to recycling center, etc. He said that he does not drive a personal pickup to work now every day. The commissioners said they would discuss it. Matt said the company that is working on the rekeying of the courthouse said they would be here today.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, gave the commissioners the purchase agreement between Bennington State Bank and Ottawa County for the two 2018 motor graders. Commissioner Kay moved to sign the lease purchase agreement with Bennington State Bank for the two 2018 motor graders. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, met with the commissioners to work on the Comprehensive Plan Goals.

Dave and Cherryl Hardesty, Landfill Operators, and Jason Parks, County Attorney, met with the commissioners and reviewed the landfill contract. Dave and Cherryl gave the commissioners their Worker's Compensation documents, their liability insurance with Ottawa County named as an additional insured, and their truck liability insurance. The group discussed pollution and water contamination insurance. Cherryl will contact their insurance carrier and research where others get pollution insurance. The group discussed contract price, and the metal pile.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, stopped in and gave the commissioners an email from KDHE, on the well at the Ottawa County State Lake, that was put in when the tornado went through. From the test in January of 2017 that Geocore did, it came back with results that KDHE did not like. KDHE came out in August 2017, and retested the well. Ottawa County will be required to have the site sampled once in 2018, and every five years thereafter. The commissioners have questions, and the commissioners asked for Marie to have one of the representatives come meet with them and answer some questions.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.