

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
October 1, 2018

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

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

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

The commissioners opened the only sealed bid they received for the \$300,000 lease purchase for the detention equipment and security electronics for the remodel project at the jail. Bennington State Bank, 3.55% for five years. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the bid from Bennington State Bank for the purchase of detention equipment and security electronics for the Ottawa County jail based on a five-year amortized lease for \$300,000 for an interest rate of 3.55%. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, reported the tax sale is going to be November 30, 2018. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:36 a.m. for five minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard. They returned to regular session at 8:41 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:43 a.m. for five minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard. They returned to regular session at 8:48 a.m. No decision was made. Richard talked to the commissioners about a county-owned property in Delphos that needs mowed. The commissioners said for Richard to find someone to mow it and turn a bill in. It was decided to continue with the tax sales every year, and not set-up payment plans.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon reported on a motor grading incident last week that involved a utility company's shallow buried lines. Shannon asked the commissioners if they were interested in hauling material to roads where lines are more shallow. The commissioners said no. Shannon said that he had a county ask to borrow a piece of equipment. The commissioners felt the other county could rent the piece of equipment from a rental company. Shannon discussed the issue with the jetter, and he will be dropping it off in Wichita this week while on his way to a meeting. The commissioners said that if the repairs are \$3,500 or less to fix it. Shannon gave the board a draft copy of a letter to a county on a shared road situation. Shannon said that the contact pond at the landfill will be done this week. Shannon reported on the furnace at the shop. Shannon said that he was told by Arnold Baker, Shop Foreman, last Thursday, that Griffin's was there in May and replaced some parts. The commissioners felt that they should have received a report when a company is in a county building working on county property, and that Shannon should have been told. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve Ottawa County Highway Right of Way/Cross-Road/Utility Permit No. #42, from Southern Star on N 30<sup>th</sup> Road to bury gas pipelines. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Cindy Shriver, 75 Alpine Ridge Lane, Bennington, visited with the commissioners about a piece of property down Aspen Road & Ash Lane, where she feels concern for the way animals are being treated. She has contacted the sheriff's office several times, in which they have said as long as there is water they can't do anything. She said that the property also needs to be cleaned up. The neighbors have offered to help. She gave the commissioners a petition signed by local landowners, and the commissioners gave her direction on where she might go next.

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Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 51, and Ottawa County 2.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, asked the board if they visited with other counties on Neighborhood Revitalization and Rural Opportunity Zone. The commissioners said they didn't have a chance at the meeting, and that they signed the Resolution on Rural Opportunity Zone on September 4, 2018. Commissioner Luthi said she would like to hold off on the decision for Neighborhood Revitalization until next year, when the new commissioner has taken over.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, reported on year-to-date chemical sales, spray truck, meetings and spraying. Kenny would like to get bid letters sent out for the repairs of the old chemical building.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.