

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

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting with the flag salute and prayer.

Songie McCall was an observer.

At 8:00 a.m. the commissioners held a tie-break for the Stanton Township Treasurer position. Those tying for the position at the General Election were Kristine Nelson, Dana Hauck, and Greg Berndt. None of the candidates were present. The commissioners drew straws, with the longest straw winning which was Greg Berndt. The Clerk will notify Greg.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept the 2013 Holiday schedule, giving in December of 2013 the 24th and the 25th off for Christmas. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Janet Hieger, BCBS, met with the commissioners and gave them renewal rates for the employee's dental insurance for 2013. Commissioner Kay moved to renew dental coverage with BCBS. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Vince Pieschl, stopped in and reported that a bridge by his home is need of repairs. Last week it went out, and he wanted the commissioners to know he would hate to not have it open. The bridge is closed now. John Copple, Highway Administrator, joined the group. The bridge is on the fracture critical bridge review. John will get the commissioners a list of bridges that need attention and an approximate cost next week. The commissioners opened bids for interest rates on the two motor graders. Bank of Tescott, 2.48%; Bennington State Bank, 2.85%; and Ottawa County Bank, 2.95%. Commissioner McGavran moved to accept the bid from Bank of Tescott for 2.48%, for two motor graders for five years. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. John

reported on what crews doing. He gave the board two solid waste exemptions for Edward Bowles, Delphos, approved, and Ray and Alisa Crowninshield, Delphos, which was denied.

Virginia Hoover, Minneapolis City Mayor, met with the board on the Rock City signs that are being paid for by City of Minneapolis. The one south of Salina is defaced. Rock City asked for a quote from Hedges Neon. The quote is \$275 for each sign; \$400 yearly land owner rent; \$600 per sign for vinyl wrap. Virginia said right now the City of Minneapolis pays \$243 monthly. She would like to propose the sign to have different wording including the whole county being represented. She would like to see the City of Minneapolis paying 1/3, The County paying 1/3, Rock City and the Museum paying 1/6, and the Chamber of Commerce contributing. Virginia would like to see another sign at Rock City promoting different community events. The commissioners will participate but at what level, they would like to wait until they see for sure what the sign is going to say.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 17, Saline County 12, Ottawa County 3, and Cloud County 1. Keith reported on the Sheriff's conference he was at last week. Keith reported on employee matters.

Amanda Loughridge, Health Department, brought up the transportation grant for approval. The commissioners approved the grant.

Betty Mick, County Attorney, stopped in and requested the commissioners sign a resolution appointing Jason C Parks, County Attorney-Elect, as an assistant county attorney until he is sworn in. Commissioner Kay moved to pass Resolution 12-31, appointing Jason C Parks, as assistant county attorney. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, met with the board and gave them a proposal for full-time help to keep his part-time road and bridge on as full-time. It was

decided to leave his help full-time at the Noxious Weed department for a year and see how it goes. At 10:30 a.m., the commissioners opened bids for the Noxious Weed building. Warren Ediger, architect joined the group. Ponton Construction, \$158,000, bid bond included; and Harbin Construction, \$188,001, bid bond included. After much discussion, Commissioner Kay moved to table the decision for up to 30 days, with the understanding that Kenny will do some checking on a couple of other options. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of November 19, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.