

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
December 11, 2017

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.

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

Vouchers were approved.

Added's and abatements were approved.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, came in and the commissioners discussed 2018 wages with Jason.

Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the solid waste exemption for Songie and Richard McCall, for 102 E Bennington, Bennington, Ks 67422. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon gave the board a Highway Right-of-Way Use Permit for AT&T. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve Highway Right-of-Way/Cross-Road Utility Use Permit #38, for AT&T to bore innerduct and fiber cable on E 10th St. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon gave the commissioners a quote from Welborn Sales, Inc., for culverts. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the quote from Welborn Sales, Inc., for culverts for \$12,096.60. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon gave the commissioners his recommendations for 2018 raises. Shannon said they are installing culverts on the Delphos Bridge today.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the commissioners and let them know that she was elected Chairperson of the North Central Kansas Homeland Security Region Council. Marie said that Ottawa County has been accepted as a NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador, which means that Ottawa County is committing to work with the National Weather Service to strengthen national resilience against extreme weather. Marie said that she has weather spotter meetings set for 2018.

For the record Commissioner Luthi left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 10:29 for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Arnold Baker, Shop Foreman. They returned to regular session at 10:44 a.m. No decision was made.

For the record Commissioner Luthi rejoined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the Road & Bridge proposed wage increases for 2018. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. (Copies attached to minutes located in the Ottawa County Clerk's office).

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Prisoner count was reported Saline County 41, and Ottawa County 6.

The commissioners attended the county holiday dinner at noon.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, met with the commissioners and they informed him that he would be going to hourly instead of salary, beginning January 1, 2018. They have updated his job description, and gave him a copy to review. The commissioners discussed 2018 wages with Kenny. They discussed his overtime and what his expectations are.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, gave the commissioners his signed job description. The commissioners discussed 2018 wages with Matt. Matt updated the commissioners on the rekeying of the courthouse. The decals for the doors are ready to be picked up. He is still working on getting rid of the chemical that he has that he doesn't know what it is. He asked about the exterminator coming before the courthouse is open, and the commissioners said to ask him to come when the courthouse is open.

Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, met with the board and they discussed 2018 wages with her.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, met with the board and they discussed 2018 wages with her.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with the commissioners and they informed her that she would be going to hourly instead of salary, beginning January 1, 2018. They have updated her job description, and gave her a copy to review. The commissioners discussed 2018 wages with Marie. They discussed her overtime and what her expectations are.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, stopped in and the board let Phil know that instead of the Gold Level membership with the Chamber of Commerce for \$500, the commissioners want to stay at the Silver Level for \$250. The commissioners discussed 2018 wages with Phil. They also said that they are going to be moving him to hourly instead of salary. They will be reviewing his job description, and will get him a copy when it's ready. They discussed his overtime and what his expectations are.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department, met with the commissioners and they discussed 2018 wages with her.

Truette McQueen, Appraiser, met with the commissioners and they discussed 2018 wages with him. They also talked about the Zoning Committee and an appointment that needed made. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to appoint Pete Haney to the unexpired term on the zoning board, to replace J. P. Metzler, who has moved out of county. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Truette said that he would like to transfer available funds at the end of the year, to an Education Fund, for future training. Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, will contact the auditor's and find out the best way to handle this.

Dave & Cheryl Hardesty, Landfill Operators, met with the commissioners to go over the proposed Contract for Operation

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of a Construction and Demolition Landfill and the Direct Haul Transfer of Solid Waste. Dave & Cheryl went over changes that were made, that haven't been there. The commissioners will look at the changes and get back with them.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.