

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 meeting was called to order by Chairman McGavran.

The official minutes of January 3, 2011, were approved and signed.

Abatement's were approved.

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner McGavran signed the cereal malt beverage application and notice to township board for Terry Robins d/b/a Minneapolis Raceway.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, stopped in and reported on what crews were doing. John shared information with the commissioners on Westar Energy putting a transformer in at Coronado Road and 180th Road, on county easement. John check on prices for a 10,000 gallon storage tank. Total will be around \$7,500. The commissioners approved.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, stopped in and the commissioners talked to Truette on the Enterprise Zone incentive program that the Department of Commerce wants the county to come up with. Truette said that the county probably should have something, and the economic development director should look into it. Truette said that the agriculture rates are going up this year.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 36, Ottawa County 1, and Saline County 2. Keith asked if the budget was approved for emergency management in 2011 for radios and a repeater that was requested. The commissioners said yes. Keith said narrow-banding on the radios, will be mandatory by 2013. Keith said that road and bridge radios will need to be replaced, as they are so old, they are not programmable. The sheriff's office is at UHF, and the road and bridge is at VHF.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, came in and the group took a phone call from Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, regards to Ottawa County setting incentives for the Enterprise Zone program for the Department of Commerce database. Doug indicated that one of the incentives that the county already has initiated would be the recovery bonds, and industrial recovery bonds. Phil shared

with the commissioners some information that he has come up with. The commissioners signed Resolution 11-02, confirming that a regional economic development organization has been established as required by 74-50,116(c)(1) for the purpose of qualifying the County of Ottawa as a designated non-metropolitan business region.

Commissioner Kathy Luthi was sworn-in for the term of 2011-2015, as 1st District County Commissioner.

The Board of County Commissioners held reorganization.

Commissioner Luthi moved to nominate Commissioner Kay as Chairman of the Board for 2011. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner McGavran moved to nominate Commissioner Luthi as Vice-Chairman for 2011. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to re-appoint the following department heads for their respective offices for the 2011 year: Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Michele Lester, Emergency Management Coordinator, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Ken Stelter, Custodian, Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Administrator, and Jettie Condray, Museum Curator. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to designate the following banks as the County's official depositories: Bennington State Bank, Minneapolis, Bennington State Bank, Bennington, Ottawa County Bank, Minneapolis, State Bank of Delphos, Delphos, and Bank of Tescott, Tescott. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to designate the following as the official county newspaper: Minneapolis Messenger for the year 2011. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.