

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
June 6, 2016

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

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

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

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported to the commissioners on storm damage from 5/24/16. She brought up a Resolution and Proclamation, for Ottawa County, proclaiming State of Local Disaster Emergency. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve Resolution 16-10 and Proclamation, proclaiming that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists for Ottawa County. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, informed the commissioners that he is still waiting on information to get to him on the updating of the comprehensive plan. He discussed other happenings within the County. Phil said that he was going to attend the next Fire Department #2 Minneapolis meeting, to help them move forward in the plans of solutions for housing issues.

The commissioners signed a Proclamation declaring June Elder Abuse Awareness Month, for the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the commissioners an agreement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer, and Ottawa County, on the Pipe Creek Bridge replacement. Commissioner Kay moved to sign the memorandum agreement between The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer, and Ottawa County, regarding the replacement of a Pratt Steel Truss Bridge, Pipe Creek Bridge. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. John reported that he is against declaring Ottawa County a disaster, as far as roads were concerned, as he said that he didn't feel there was justification. Also, he is going to be retiring the end of the year, and he is concerned about having to come back if an audit is done. Jason Parks, County Attorney, was present. Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, joined the group. The commissioners asked Marie what she was going to send in to the State on the disaster the commissioners just signed. Marie said that she was going to try to include the whole county, from May 22-27, which included the tornado, and any flood damage. The group discussed how it worked, because there was no damage reported from the 5" of rain before that time period, but now she was reporting from approximately 1" of rain, damage from rain. Marie explained the process. Marie said that at this point, what she is doing is an estimate, preliminary. What she is wanting to turn in, helps the State meet their threshold. Jason suggested bringing another road and bridge employee in that will be here, to know what is being done with the FEMA project, if it goes through. John said that J.P. Metzler, RMA Engineering, will meet with the commissioners next week.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 49, and Ottawa County 6. Keith reported on a repair at the jail he fixed. He said that most of his time since last Wednesday, has been looking for a missing person on the river. He also reported on another incident, that a case would be coming up on.

Ken Stelter, Custodian, reported that there was a hydrant leak that ended up coming in the basement meeting room. The hydrant was fixed. Ken said that from the heavy rains, water was leaking in again. Ken said that he has met with All About Construction, and they are going to get him an estimate to pour concrete on two sides of the courthouse.

Jeff Reece, Lindburg Pierce Faris & Co., Chtd., County Auditor, stopped in and the commissioners discussed budget preparation this year.

The commissioners signed the revised pay scales with the .20 cent raise for employees, effective June 25, 2016.

The commissioners worked on their 2017 budgets for consideration.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.