

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.

The official minutes of July 16, 2012, were approved and signed.

Commissioner Kay authorized the request from Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, to write-off checks that have expired and not processed through the bank from 2007-2009. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Eldon Janssen, Lincoln Township Treasurer, and Tommy Barrett III, Lincoln Township Trustee, and Dennis and Lori Rhoden, Niles, John Copple, Highway Administrator, and Kenny Wilcox, Road Foreman, met with the commissioners to discuss a road issue in Lincoln Township. Commissioner Luthi said they were needing to come to a resolution on the approximate ¼ mile of road on 250th. Eldon asked if the road was a primary or secondary road, as the township has never put material on it. John said that it is an open secondary road. Dennis said that the road used to have rock on it and the township has failed to maintain the road. Dennis said that he had met with Tommy and Kenny Wilcox was present also, and Tommy agreed that the township would put material on it. Dennis said weeks went by and Dennis followed Tommy home one day and asked when material was going to be put on. Tommy said to blame the other township board members as they are now not going to put material on it. After that, conversations have escalated, which has led to this meeting. John explained the policy of the county, and the township has a written policy that the group discussed. Eldon said under the circumstances, the township would go ahead and put the material on it.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John said that they needed to update their radios to narrow band. Since the sheriff office is updating theirs, John can get their used ones they are giving up, and Emergency Management has funds that can be used to purchase the additional ones they need. He has a quote that Emergency Management has received from Ka-Comm Inc, for \$7,831,

which includes the license fee. The commissioners approved. The commissioners approved for John to sale some material to Clay County. John gave the board a landfill ticket for wood taken to the landfill from the fair, that Don Koster said the county was paying for. Commissioner Kay will look into it. John reported on employee matters.

John Copple, Delphos, met with the commissioners and he said that in his opinion no taxing entity that receives levied money, should be involved in competition related fund raisers. For example, the demolition derby should have had out-of-county officials, instead of the local fire department. The commissioners said they will talk to the fair board and see how all of that works. John feels that some of the fair board that have been on the board for many years, should be moving on, and let the younger ones handle it.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, stopped in and shared an email from a citizen in regards to a burn ban. Marie said the fire index for Ottawa County is at very high. Commissioner Kay moved to pass resolution 12-22, implementing a burn ban for seven days. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 30, and Saline County 11.

Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, stopped in and gave the commissioners the necessary documents for them for next week's zoning hearing.

Don Koster, Fair board, stopped in and said that he had heard that someone has requested to not allow the Minneapolis Fire Board to officiate the derby. He does not know why the can't. Commissioner Kay asked who sponsored the event. Don said that they hire someone, but they went out of business, so they asked the fire department, and they did a great job. The commissioners said that next year, after seeing who's officiating, an individual has the choice to enter or not. The commissioners asked Don about the landfill bill they received. Don said that was wood that was taken out of the fine arts building. Don said that Brian Kindall indicated that the county has taken care of it before. The commissioners will discuss it.

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 23, 2012

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

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.