

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

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting with the flag salute, and prayer.

Vouchers were approved.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, came in and the commissioners visited with him on an upcoming meeting.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, came in and discussed his employee not being able to get to work one day last week because of the snow. Commissioner Kay stated the policy was the employee would need to take leave for the time off.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Also present were Mary Thrower, and Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment. The group discussed hiring a consultant to look at the Pieschl bridge. It was also discussed that if they agreed to hire a consultant on this bridge, the board should be prepared to spend funds on the other fracture critical bridges in the county. John will contact RMA Engineering to see if they will do the consultant work. Jeff gave the commissioners information on what they asked for from last week's meeting on his excavator proposal. It was decided to have John get bids from the local banks for financing, before they make a decision on the machine.

Randy Gruber, and Mark Whitesell, Bennington Fire Department, discussed automatic aid agreement versus mutual aid agreements with the board. The mutual aid agreement is that after the fire department is called the fire department calls for help from another agency and the automatic agreement is for any structure fire in any district the agencies are automatically called from dispatch. Mark said that the automatic agreement is not working every time. Russ Thornton, Undersheriff, joined the group. Russ said that there is a different button to push for automatic aid. Russ said they are operating a new system and there are some bugs being worked out. They are also still training employees on the new system. The commissioners gave Randy and Mark a memorandum of understanding

on the repeater system the county attorney drew up. This transfers the ownership to the county.

Russ Thornton, Undersheriff, gave prisoner count is Sedgwick County 15, Saline County 15, Ottawa County 1, and Cloud County 1.

Sandy Spani, Health/Aging Administrator, brought in her recommendation for raises for her employees.

The minutes of February 25, 2013, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.