

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner Ray McGavran, Commissioner Harold McCullick, Commissioner Kathy M. Luthi, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCullick at 8:00 a.m.

The official minutes of January 17, 2006, were read, approved, and signed.

The commissioners examined and confirmed the Annual Township reports for Lincoln, Garfield, Sheridan, and Buckeye Townships.

Commissioner Luthi moved to re-appoint Emery W Berry, and Frank R Cole, to the Non-Lawyer Members of the 28th District Judicial Nominating Commission. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Ken Stelter, Custodian, reported he has noticed some mold around the boiler in the basement. Ken painted it, and it was decided to see if it shows up again.

Cherryl Adams, Clerk of the District Court, came in and invited the commissioners to the swearing-in of the new Magistrate Judge Mary Thrower at 11:30 a.m.

The commissioners signed Resolution 06-07, proposing a vacation of a road, The intersection of Prairie Road and 40th Road, approximately 40' wide, East approximately 1/2 mile, between Sections Eleven (11) and Fourteen (14), (First 1/4 mile already declared minimum maintenance), of Fountain Township, Ottawa County, Kansas.

Commissioner McGavran moved to extend the burn ban another 7 days. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Bruce Barefield, County Attorney, reported on what his office was doing. Commissioner McGavran moved to go into executive session at 9:05 a.m. for finance of the third party for ten minutes. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, attorney, and county clerk. They returned to regular session at 9:15 a.m. No decision was made.

Marilyn Heck, County Register of Deeds, met with the commissioners and went over what her office was doing.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, came up and met with the commissioners on the letter he asked the commissioners to write. Truette went over the last paragraph of the letter. The group discussed putting the landfill fee on the tax statements.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, and Chuck Stein, Bennett Autoplex, met with the board and John gave the board the quotes for the new pickup, 2006 F150 Regular Cab 4x4. Long McArthur Ford, \$27,095 with trade in less \$9,900, for total of \$17,195; Bennett Autoplex, \$24,485 with trade in less \$13,675, for total of \$10,810.

Commissioner McGavran moved to purchase the Chevrolet from Bennett Autoplex. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. John gave the board quotes for asphalt. Ritchie Paving, 14,000 ton for \$51/ton, for \$714,000; Hi Plains Sand, 13,000-15,000 ton for \$39.95/ton; APAC, Shears Division, 15,000 ton for \$41.60/ton, for \$624,000. Commissioner McGavran moved to accept the bid from Hi Plains Sand Inc., for \$39.95/ton. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. John gave the board the bid letting information on the Rainbow Bridge Project. A.M. Cohron & Son Inc., for \$1,145,012.87 was awarded the contract. The other bid was from Bridges Inc., for \$1,269,957.70.

Harvey Henderson, Noxious Weed Administrator, discussed what his office was doing.

Prisoner count is 40.

Annie Grevas, and Mendee Cramer, Community Corrections, met with the commissioners for approval of the Juvenile Justice budgets. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the budgets. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.