

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 30, 2012, were approved and signed.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, met with the commissioners and they opened office building bids at 8:15 a.m. Ponton Construction, Salina, \$175,000, bid bond enclosed; and Harbin Construction, Salina, \$208,500, with bid bond enclosed. After discussion, Commissioner McGavran moved to reject all bids and reconsider the facility. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Warren Ediger, architect, joined the group. Warren asked permission to go to the bidders and asked for explanations on cost. He is not going to them to renegotiate their bid, just to ask questions. The commissioners approved.

The commissioners signed Resolution 12-25, expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Ottawa County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:15 a.m. for 20 minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, Attorney. They returned to regular session at 9:35 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:40 a.m. for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Director, and Richard Buck. They returned to regular session at 9:55 a.m. The commissioners accepted Sandy's resignation, effective August 10, 2012.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 29, Saline County 14, and City of Minneapolis 1. Keith said that he is going to have to get a new server, as the current one will no longer be supported by Windows the end of the year. Keith reported on a meeting he attended last week, in regards to GIS and 911. Truette McQueen, Appraiser, joined the group. Keith said that the county's are going to have to maintain the GIS/911 programs. Keith's recommendation is that the county hire a coordinator for this eventually. After discussion, the group thought about checking into sharing a coordinator with another county. The commissioners asked for Keith and Truette to do some research and get back to them. Keith asked the commissioners if there was any documentation on the agreement with the City of Minneapolis and dispatch services. The commissioners don't believe that there is any written documentation anywhere, except maybe in minutes at City of Minneapolis.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, came in and reported that the fire index for Ottawa County is at the very high range. The commissioners signed Resolution 12-26, extending the burn ban up to another seven days.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.