

The Board of Commissioners met in special 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 commissioners met with Jody Parks, Hospital Administrator, and Joy Johnson, Hospice, and visited on the health department. Joy said that she had been approached from the administrator at that time, that she possibly would like to give up Hospice, however it would be difficult to get it back, if needed. Joy said that she asked for her not to give it up until Joy had some time to think about it. After discussion, it was decided that both groups want to keep the Hospice program in Ottawa County. Jody will do some checking on the possibility of the county contracting with the hospital for Hospice services. The commissioners asked about contracting a RN, just temporary. Joy indicated that she wasn't sure the hospital nurses would know what to do as a public health RN, unless someone was there instructing. The commissioners will do some defining on that matter and meet back in a couple of weeks. Joy discussed the rent that used to go to the hospital from Central Kansas Mental Health for using one of their rooms, which is now the Economic Development office. Jody will get the original agreement to the commissioners. Jody discussed an incident with a request from Economic Development.

Karen Ballou, came in and the commissioners visited with her about the social worker position available at the health department. After discussion, it was decided to have Karen talk to Trisha Smith, who handles Hospice at the health department. The commissioners will research some issues also.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.