

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 22, 2016

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

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

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting in prayer and led the group in the flag salute.

The annual township reports of Morton and Lincoln were examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

An added and an abatement were approved.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, gave the commissioners copies of the bridge inspection reports. John gave the board a Highway Use Permit from Richard Family LLC. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to sign the Highway Use Permit 24 for Richard Family LLC, Miltonvale, for the installation of irrigation water line of crop land across Cloud Road east of 190th Road intersection on Cloud County side and east of Creek Bridge but west of intersection of 190th Road on Ottawa County side. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. John said that they finished Durham Township FEMA project. John discussed raises with the commissioners. The commissioners said that they were going to request a wage study for the county. John said that he would be retiring the end of this year.

DeMerle Eckart, Museum Board, visited with the commissioners on some hours that need to be covered at the Museum in the absence of the curator. He asked if they could do a gift of appreciation for the hours that need to be covered by the volunteer, instead of putting on the county payroll. After discussion, the commissioners said they would like to think about how to handle the matter.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 43, and Ottawa County 10. Keith said that someone will be coming to look at the doors at the detention center that he is having problems with. He is still checking options on the generator. Keith said that he ordered new mattresses and pillows for the beds, as they haven't been replaced since the jail opened.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, came in and the commissioners visited with him on the museum help situation. Options were discussed.

Richard Belden, Bennington Senior Center, stopped in and asked the commissioners about a vacant position for Silver Hair Legislature. The commissioners said that he should contact Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator. Commissioner Brumbaugh had a document that she shared with Richard. Richard also discussed with the commissioners the removal of the bell platform to make another handicap parking spot. The commissioners did not have a problem if they removed it.

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Ken Stelter, Custodian, visited with the commissioners on the courthouse elevator that was just modernized. It was decided that Ken would be the designated person to contact if needed for the elevator, with Laura Bowles, Assistant Custodian, as backup.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.