

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 25, 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.

After receiving the O & L #1 Fire District minutes from Thursday, April 7, 2016, Commissioner Luthi signed over the title of a 1983 Ford pickup to Jeff Shafer who was the high bidder of \$3,676.

Dale Davis, VFW, came in and asked the commissioners to purchase at least 2 boxes of flags for the cemeteries to use in the county. The commissioners said they had no problem and would see they were ordered.

Vouchers were approved.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, came in and visited with the commissioners on increasing the hourly wage for one of his employee's, Sharolyn Boyer, for assuming additional duties in the office from the recent retirement of the deputy appraiser. His request was .75. The commissioners felt that was a little low, after reading through the job description. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve a wage increase for Sharolyn Boyer, effective April pay period, for \$1.25. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. In discussion Commissioner Brumbaugh stated after reading the job description, that \$1.25 was warranted for the additional duties she has acquired.

Kathy Mosher, Executive Director Central Kansas Mental Health, Becky Gassman, and Pat Kinnaird, Central Kansas Mental Health, presented the 2015 Annual Report of services to the board. They also presented the 2017 budget for consideration.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John asked if the board has done anything with raises. The commissioners said that they have reviewed many other counties of same size that are comparable, and Ottawa County wages are in line with other counties. John recommended that Cameron Leonard be given a .50 cent raise, because he didn't receive the .50 cents when he got his CDL. John said that he is need of hiring 2 more employees. The commissioners said for John to write up the reasoning for requesting the raise and bring up next week. The commissioners gave John the results from a flagger workshop conducted by KWORCC, which an employee failed. The commissioners informed John to not use the employee as a flagger until he attended another course and passed.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 10:06 a.m. for twenty-five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners,

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Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 10:28 a.m. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the commissioners to discuss a request that was made to Commissioner Luthi from Mark Whitesell, Bennington Fire Chief, to have lights and sirens put on his personal vehicle. Sheriff Coleman asked why was there a need. Marie said that he brings his personal vehicle to the scenes the majority of the time. Sheriff Coleman says that sometimes that is a problem because a lot of firemen bring their own vehicles. Traffic laws were discussed. Marie had a sample policy that was looked at. The question asked if he wanted the lights and sirens for response need or when he was at the scene. Commissioner Luthi read the email and it said for response, and the reasons for identification on the scene. After discussion it was decided that Sheriff Coleman will talk to Mark. Keith reported prisoner count of Saline County 41, Ottawa County 8, and City of Minneapolis 1. Keith said that he had three vehicles with hail damage from last night. Keith said that a motor is going out of a dryer.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, met with the board to go over the report of a broken bridge in the county.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, gave the commissioners a schedule of the current bus drivers and a schedule with an additional bus driver hired.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, visited with the commissioners on the work at the Noxious Weed shop that he needs done. All About Construction was the only company that gave him an estimate. There were two options; one to demo and replace the old floor grate with new stainless steel for \$1,840; and another option to demo and replace the old floor grate out of mild steel would be \$1,260. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the estimate from All About Construction for replacement of the floor grate with new stainless steel for \$1,840. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Kenny updated the board on spraying his office is doing.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to donate \$100 to the Delphos Museum for 2016. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 12:12 p.m., for non-elected personnel for twenty-five minutes. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, Jason Parks, County Attorney, Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, and via telephone Bud Cowan, Attorney Assist, KCAMP. They returned to regular session at 12:29 p.m. No decision was made.

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With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 1:25 p.m.
Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.