

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
March 30, 2009

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGavran.

The official minutes of March 23, 2009, were approved and signed.

Payroll and Vouchers were approved.

An abatement was approved.

Rory Tillett, Emergency Management, said the fire index was still showing in the high category. It was decided to not extend the burn ban this week. Rory received a close-out letter from the Department of Emergency Management for the ice storm in 2007.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, gave the board a solid waste exemption for Harold Jagger, Delphos, which was approved. The group looked at the 5-year bridge plan. It was decided to see about getting an extension of a year to see how funding comes out. John reported on what crews were doing.

Gerald Sechrist, stopped in and asked about the burn ban. The commissioners said it has been lifted this week.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 30, Johnson County 6, and Ottawa County 1. Betty Mick, County Attorney, joined the group. Keith said that he knew that Betty had talked to the board about purchasing tasers. Keith said that they do not have any intermediate weapons. After discussion, Commissioner Luthi moved to take the money out of the diversion fund and purchase 5 tasers for each officer, and to keep 1 in the control room. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Keith got the contract back from CBM food service, who will be taking over meals April 23, 2009. Keith has notified both cooks. Keith gave the board the contract for Johnson County inmates. Commissioner Kay moved to sign the Johnson County contract for inmates. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel at 10:17 a.m. for five minutes. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Keith. They returned to regular session at 10:22 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 10:22 for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Keith. They returned to regular session at 10:27 a.m. Keith will call attorney assist for guidance on employee matters.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, talked to the commissioners about his

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Alltel bill. He had been to a conference in Lawrence, and his cellular bill showed a roaming charge. He is on a plan where Lawrence is in roaming, but he could change plans for no cost. The commissioners said to upgrade the plan.

Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the proposal from Ken Stelter for \$300 for lawn care at the jail. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.