

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 9, 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 February 2, 2009, were approved and signed.

The commissioners viewed the progress on the bridge on Sunset Road in Logan Township, which the deck had been poured. Roads were viewed in the following townships: Sheridan, Stanton, Fountain, Henry, Morton, Culver, and Center. The commissioners looked at property at the fairgrounds.

The Annual Township Report was examined and confirmed for Center, and Stanton Townships.

Vouchers were approved.

Judge Thrower, stopped in and talked to the board about legislation possibly ceasing the agreement that all counties have judges. Judge Thrower left a resolution for the commissioners to look over, In Support of a Resident Judge in Each County.

At 10:00 a.m., the commissioners opened proposals for two 2009 motor graders. Those present were Garrett Clay, Foley Equipment, and Chadd Blackwood, Murphy Tractor & Equipment. Victor L Phillips, No bid; Foley Equipment, for Caterpillar 140M, \$407,693; Berry Tractor & Equipment, for Komatsu GD655-3EO, \$371,934; and Murphy Tractor & Equipment, John Deere 770G, \$435,212. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the proposal from Foley Equipment for two 140M Caterpillar motor graders on a lease buy-back program in the amount of \$407,693, including trade-in. Commissioner Kay seconded. In discussion, the trade difference is \$407,693. The guaranteed repurchase is \$260,000 at the end of 60 months or 6,000 hours, for a net trade difference of \$147,693. Motion carried. John said that they will be having a safety meeting this Friday. John discussed what crews were doing.

Betty Mick, County Attorney, came in and said she is still reviewing the landfill contract. Betty talked to the board about computers for her office. She had a quote for \$789, from a McPherson company. Commissioner Kay moved to let Betty purchase the two computers for \$789 each from McPherson. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Rory Tillett, Emergency Management Coordinator, talked to the board and they asked Rory to be the safety coordinator. He agreed. Commissioner Luthi said that our liability insurance carrier will give a discount for premium if the county will participate in safety meetings. It was agreed to put a burn ban on for seven days. Resolution 09-01 was

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signed A Resolution Declaring A State of Local Disaster Emergency.

Keith Coleman, County Sheriff, talked to the commissioners on the fire marshal report that was conducted last week. Keith gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 17, Johnson County 5, and Ottawa County 2. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 11:31 a.m. for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and Keith. No decision made at this time. They returned to regular session at 11:36 a.m. No decision was made.

At noon, the commissioners held the annual Fairgrounds/County/City/Recreation Commission. Those present were Songie McCall, and Sheldon Daugherty, City of Minneapolis, Don Koster, Brian Kindall, Fair Board, and Tania Daugherty, Recreation Commission. Commissioner McGavran asked if there was any changes any entity needed to make with the current agreement. There were none. The water system at the fairgrounds was discussed. Brian asked permission from the entities to install electrical outside of the permanent fence, for carnival hook-up. All agreed. It was asked if the county could mow at the south arena, and if the county could come in for the demolition derby and make the safety dirt mounds for the derby. The commissioners will talk to John Copple.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.