

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 June 1, 2009, were approved and signed.

Ken Stelter, Custodian, stopped in and said that there are about 12 broken windows that still need to be fixed. The commissioners said to go ahead and get quotes.

John Cashatt, Schwab-Eaton, stopped in and showed the plans on 180<sup>th</sup> Road, south of Bennington. John Copple, Highway Administrator, joined the group. John reported on what crews were doing. John discussed repairs on equipment.

LeRoy Windhorst and Leo Whitley, Grant Township, talked to the commissioners about the post office in Wells. They were wondering the process in disposing of the property. Leo had the deed and the property has been deeded back to Grant Township from the fire department. Commissioner Luthi explained the process that they needed to follow for the disposal.

Rory Tillett, Emergency Management, talked to the board about the possibility of going to salary instead of hourly. He gave them documentation on meetings he attends on a regular basis, and overtime he averages. Rory discussed the questions that the commissioners have had on the Ottawa County Rescue Team, that were never answered, and showed them a draft letter he will send if it is alright. Rory talked on switching the emergency management cellular telephone over to pre-pay, as he does not use it that much. He also talked on getting an air card for the laptop.

Keith Coleman, County Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 28, Johnson County 1, and Ottawa County 2. Keith talked on the maintenance agreement with File Safe on the camera's in the jail. He is not sure why. He has done some research and does not think he will need to renew the agreement. The commissioners agreed. Keith said they are due for new bullet proof vests. He has been approved for a grant to pay for half of the costs. Keith said that he has offered a position to Kenny Hendrix for a correction officer II. He offered the position at \$11, not knowing what the pay scale is, and start is only at \$10.80. The commissioners approved to start at \$10.80, as he will increase .40 as of July 1, for the KPERS.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, visited with the board on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Summer Youth Employment Program. Doug gave the commissioners a map by township on wind speeds, and spoke on the North Central Kansas Wind Assessment for Ottawa County. Doug said that they have been contemplating changing the point of access for the internet service they provide, from the courthouse to the water tower in town. Doug asked if the counties do their own

bridge projects. The Department of Commerce has grant funds available if the county does their own work. There would be matching funds that would need to be provided. The commissioners will talk to John Copple and let him know. Doug provided a copy of activities NCRPC has participated to in Ottawa County.

Jo Funk, Saline County Sanitarian, talked to the commissioners about the Local Environmental Protection Program, and the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy. The programs have had funding reduction at the State level. Jo said they haven't had program funding from Ottawa County, and they are now at the point where they need to request funding assistance. The group talked on the fee schedule and possibly raising the fees to actually covering the costs.

Annette McNaul, TMC (The Consortium), met with the commissioners and discussed the non-regulated policy for random Drug & Alcohol Testing. The group discussed the sheriff office testing their own employees, and all agreed that would be too much liability for the county.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.