

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
July 16, 2018

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

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

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

Dawn Wolf, Rob Boss, and Ralph Shank, District 1 County Commissioner Candidates, were observers.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, gave quotes for motor graders to the commissioners. Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment, and Lance Jones, Murphy Tractor, were present. Murphy Tractor, \$254,700 for 1 John Deere 622G Motor Grader, and Foley Equipment, \$269,781.50 for 1 Cat 120M2AWD Motor Graders, without trade-in/buy-backs. Shannon will be trying out the graders soon. No decision was made at this time. Shannon reported on what crews were doing. Shannon gave the commissioners copies of the bridge report. Shannon discussed the two fracture critical bridges on the report. The commissioners informed Shannon of a 2019 budget cut for his road and bridge budget.

Todd Heitschmidt, Court Administrator, visited with the commissioners about the internet and the location in the Law Library. It was decided that Todd would get with Todd Tuttle, NCKCN, and see if he could meet with the board.

At 10:00 a.m., bids were opened for the jail remodeling project. Those present were Keith Coleman, Sheriff, Erik Jorgensen, Archetype Design Group, Roy Huffman, Compton Construction Corporation, Bill Shipley, Harbin Construction. Cheney Construction, Inc., \$1,344,900, 330 calendar days; Compton Construction Corporation, \$1,210,000, 250 calendar days; Harbin Construction, \$1,171,900, 365 calendar days; Loyd Builders, \$1,105,000, 215 calendar days; McPherson Contractors, Inc., \$1,493,000, 330 calendar days; and Trinium, Inc., \$1,199,877, 365 calendar days. Commissioner Kay moved to table the decision until an audit of the bids is done, and financing discussed. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Keith gave prisoner count of Saline County 51, and Ottawa County 5. Keith reported on equipment repairs. The commissioners informed Keith of a 2019 budget cut for his sheriff office budget.

Chris Carlson, stopped in and discussed feed growing along the roadside at 135<sup>th</sup> Road and Nugget Road. He also discussed lowering the hill on 135<sup>th</sup> Road and Oxbow Road.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 11:04 a.m. for ten minutes for attorney client matters. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:14 a.m. No decision was made.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, returned and Commissioner Brumbaugh said that she got a phone call about Ivy Road going to Rock City having washboards. Shannon had already gone out and looked at the road, and had a motor grader taking the washboards out. Shannon then called a Center Township officer and asked if they could get rock on the road. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked Shannon if any of the road & bridge employees have expressed discontent on the offer of hire for an individual at \$18.50 per hour. Shannon said no. She informed Shannon that she had a visit with a road & bridge employee and it was stated that employees that have discussed retiring, will be doing so this year. Shannon was

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unaware of the discontent. Shannon said that he stood by his decision to offer the individual \$18.50 per hour.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded.  
Motion carried, 3-0.