

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 3, 2017

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

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

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

The Annual Report of Buckeye Township was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, visited with the commissioners on sales tax that should be exempted from hotel bills when employees are gone. They should be coming to get an exemption certificate before they go. Mary said some offices are following the correct procedure, and some aren't. Mary gave the commissioners information on the Kansas Legislature passing Senate Bill 30, which increases the income tax liability rates for 2017 and further increases them for 2018. She had a letter ready to go out to all employees. Mary informed the board that Tescott City was the only entity that notified her by July 1, 2017, that they would need to have a special mail ballot election in order for a proposed 2018 budget increase to be approved or not. The mail ballot election will be September 15, 2017. Mary discussed the power outages that have been occurring. The last time, May 23, 2017, it happened, it took out a server in the courthouse. She discussed how hard it is on computers when it happens. She asked permission to purchase battery backups for individual computers for offices in the courthouse, so that employees have time to shut their computers down when the power goes off, instead of the drastic blacking out. The commissioners approved. Mary will check with department heads to see who wants them. She said that they would be \$40-\$70 each. She said that she found out that the battery backup on the telephone system has got damaged sometime and is not working. She called Twin Valley Telephone, and they will come and replace with a new one. Mary discussed the draft audit with the commissioners, in which she had forwarded to them last week. Commissioner Kay signed the Management Representation Letter.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, updated the board that the county-wide clean-up is still going on. Phil gave the commissioners information on the North Central Regional Planning Commission Economic Development Summit in April he attended.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, and Jason Rourke, RMA Engineering, gave the commissioners drawings of drainage at the landfill site. As a result of the commissioners viewing the landfill last week with David Hardesty, Landfill Operator, John Hardesty, Les Johns, Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, and Jason Rourke, RMA Engineering, modifications to the drainage are planned. Jason will document changes to be submitted to KDHE for approval. Shannon reported on what crews were doing.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 46, Sedgwick County 1, and Ottawa County 7.

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Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the WIC contract with Mitchell County, for October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

The commissioners and clerk worked on review of the employee handbook policies.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.