

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
October 23, 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, then led the group in the flag salute.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:07 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:17 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 8:18 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:28 a.m. No decision was made.

Jennifer McCall, BCBS, presented renewal rates for employee's dental insurance for 2018. All four plan tiers increased some. The commissioners said they would take the renewal into consideration and let her know.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, and Jamie Rice, CTI, met with the commissioners to discuss the Skid Steer proposals from last week. Shannon said that the operators demoed the machines from last week's proposals and they liked the John Deere Skid Steer better. Shannon gave the commissioners the warranty information on the machines. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the proposal from John Deere for a 332G 2018 Skid Steer for \$50,820, with the five-year extended warranty for \$2,720. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Jo Mesecher, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, visited with the commissioners about the grant for the rehabilitation of houses in the City of Minneapolis that is starting, and she is getting calls on how the process is supposed to work. Jo said that no one has informed the Road & Bridge office of anything. It was decided to get all parties involved and have them come meet with the board, Shannon and Jo. Shannon gave the commissioners motor grader proposals. Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment was presented. The group discussed different grader options. After discussion, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the Sales Agreement from Foley Equipment for two 2017 120M motor graders, to be delivered in December, 2017, for seven years, 7,000 hours. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the Highway Right-of-Way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit #37, from D S & O Electric Coop, Contact Person Tracy Turner, to bury power lines 1000' West of 260th Road on Arrowhead Road. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the resignation from Kevin Watts as the Lincoln Township Clerk. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, met with the commissioners for re-appointment of two board members to the hospital board. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to re-appoint Robert Minneman, and Steven Carlson, for a four-year term, beginning January 1, 2018. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Jody gave the commissioners a copy of the hospital budget.

At 10:00 a.m., the commissioners held a conference call with Erik Jorgensen, Archetype Design Group, Inc., with Keith

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Coleman, Sheriff, present also. The group discussed the proposed remodeling at the jail. Erik will put additional figures together as requested, and email them out for discussion for next week. Keith reported prisoner count of Saline County 47, Sedgwick County 2, and Ottawa County 2. Keith said that he has worked on getting a free repeater from Ka-Comm, Inc., for ordering the 26 firemen radios with them.

Kevin Urban, Saline County Planning & Environment Services, gave the commissioners the 3rd quarter update for Ottawa County.

Joan Duggan, visited with the board on the Area Agency on Aging Council, and what they have been working on. She gave the commissioners an update on the work that has been done on the Niles Senior Center, from volunteer funds, along with Dane Hanson Grant funds. She is the representative for Ottawa County on the Silver Haired Legislature, and she reported on what they have been doing in that group.

The commissioners signed the revised starting pay scales for Ottawa County.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.