

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 17, 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 Ray McGavran, Commissioner James P Kay, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGavran.

The official minutes of August 10, 2009, were approved and signed.

Lech Wisniewski, US Census Bureau, came in and talked to the commissioners about the purpose of the Census, and helping the counties get back their share of tax dollars. He discussed the importance of everyone returning their census, as those responses go back to the federal level, which in turn helps tax dollars come back to the county. For every person that is counted in the county, approximately \$1,200 comes back to the county, which helps fund highways, schools, etc. Commissioner Luthi moved to have Commissioner McGavran as Ottawa County's point of contact for the US Census Bureau. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Raymond Pachta, and Louis Andersen, Area Agency on Aging, discussed a program through the Area Agency on Aging, called Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. It helps provide decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing for eligible low-income families. It requires an agreement to be signed with the Riley County Housing Authority. There is no financial obligation from the county. The commissioners will have the county attorney look the agreement over.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 42, Johnson County 1, Saline County 1, and Ottawa County 3.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, stopped in and said that the City of Bennington got a grant from the Kansas Water District to do GIS mapping for the City of Bennington. They wanted a copy of what the county had, that way they can make a layer and pull it up on a map. The commissioners approved. The City of Bennington will work out the fees with the GIS representative directly. Truette reported that the Zoning Committee will be hearing the flood plain map issue the second Wednesday in September. The legal has been published.

Rory Tillett, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave the commissioners the Master Fire Plan, that had never been finalized. Rory went back and found previous information on it. The State is wanting to know if the county is still interested in the work being done. The plan is free of service. The commissioners approved for him to go ahead and pursue it.

Jim McClain, Bennington, gave the board updated valuation and population figures on the breakdown for the ambulance districts. This is just an estimate with July 1, 2009 values. Jim shared ambulance budget information from Smith County. Jim discussed the issue of setting up an EMS Task Force, and the request from the commissioners that

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he head it up. Although, he does not wish to head it up, he gave the board a breakdown of what areas and numbers he thought possible members should come from. Commissioner Kay will head up the Task Force, with the other two members on it also. The group worked on possible committee members.

Todd Heitschmidt, Court Administrator, brought in the Court's approved 2010 budget form to sign. Commissioner McGavran signed the budget.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.