

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
June 15, 2015

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

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

Commissioner Brumbaugh led the group in prayer and the flag salute.

Vouchers were approved.

An abatement was approved.

The commissioners took a phone call from Brian Kindall, Fair Board, and he reported that the fair board was going to wait to do anything with the 4H Building, to see what funds would come in through this summer. Commissioner Kay moved to reject the bid from Professional Roofing Systems for the 4H Building repairs, according to the recommendation from the fair board. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, discussed the hours of a bus driver with Sara, in regards to benefits. Sara discussed hiring another driver. The commissioners said that they would prefer her to look at the other driver's hours and spread it out a little there. The commissioners said that with Legislative tax bills that have passed, they did not feel they could hire anyone at this time. Sara updated the board on SHICK Counseling, and transportation training coming up. The group discussed meetings and budgets, and the commissioners would like Sara to securitize her budgets.

Paula Christensen, Deputy County Treasurer, and JoDee Copple, Clerk, stopped in and visited with the board about the retirement reception for Pat Baccus. They asked how they should handle the expenses. The commissioners agreed that they should take the expenses from their budget.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 32, KDOC 1, Mitchell County 1, and Ottawa County 3.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, came in and the board reported that they did not feel they could provide the raises she requested for her employee's. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that not knowing for sure how budgets were going to turn out, and the tax laws the Legislatures have passed, they needed to deny the request at this time. Pat asked about the raises the Noxious Weed Department got and why they did. The commissioners explained because the Noxious Weed Department has new technology they are learning, and one employee has gotten certified in spraying.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, came in and the board reported that they did not feel they could provide the raises he requested for his employee's. Truette said that was fine, he just thought if everyone else was

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getting them, he wanted to get his request in. Truette said that they have been very good about giving raises to employee's and for them not to feel bad. The commissioners thanked him for his support.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, stopped in and reported that the Ottawa County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, met June 9, 2015, for an orientation meeting with their planning consultants, Foster & Associates of Wichita. The committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month through December, 2015, in the Ottawa County Courthouse basement meeting room at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. The Ottawa County Planning and Zoning Board has assigned the task of updating the 2004 Ottawa County Comprehensive Plan to the 16-member steering committee. Ottawa County residents may call the Economic Development office at 785-392-0764 for a monthly agenda or more information.

At 11:00 a.m., the commissioners adjourned their meeting, and went to the Ottawa County Health Center, to meet with the hospital board.

The minutes of June 15, 2015, were approved and signed.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.