

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
May 31, 2016

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 Kathy M. Luthi, Commissioner James P. Kay, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

DeMerle Eckart, and Jana Van Meter, Museum Board, met with the commissioners and went over the 2017 budget that was presented last week.

Randy Gruber, and Judith Swagerty, Fire District #4 Bennington, presented the fire department budget for 2017 for consideration.

Vouchers were approved.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the commissioners Hauler's Permit No. 038 for Salina Waste Systems, which the commissioners approved and signed. Commissioner Kay moved to approve Ottawa County Highway Use Permit #31, to Ken Berry, to trench across Prairie Road to install a new service from D S & O Electric. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. John presented his department's 2017 budgets for consideration. The commissioners and John discussed the letter from the City of Tescott that the commissioners received in regards to the bridge east of Tescott that is closed. It was decided to get estimates for replacement, and low water crossing options.

Brandon Cochran, Judith Swagerty, and Janet Beemer, Bennington Ambulance Service, presented the 2017 budget for consideration. A meeting to discuss Emergency Management Services county-wide is being set for June 7, 2016, at the Minneapolis City Library.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 44, and Ottawa County 5. Keith presented 2017 budgets for consideration.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, and Hope Spano, Minneapolis Area Chamber of Commerce Manager, visited with the board on the setting up a Transient Guest Tax. The tax is a local tax on bedroom rentals paid by guests, for less than 28 days. It includes hunting lodges, but not Department of Wildlife and Park cabins or RV parks. It is used to finance city and county tourism activities. The commissioners said they would discuss it and let them know. Phil updated the board on the comprehensive plan update. The group discussed meals/employee at the Golden Wheel.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Commissioner

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Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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