

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
August 15, 2016

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

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

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

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, let the commissioners know that she had hired Shelia Reed as her part-time help. She would be starting August 23, 2016.

At 8:15 a.m., the commissioners held the 2017 budget hearing for the six fire districts within the county. No one was present. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the 2017 budgets for the fire districts of Ottawa County. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The commissioners signed Resolution 16-17, expressing the property taxation policy of the Fire District #1, #2, and #6, governing body with respect to financing the annual budget for 2017. At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held the 2017 budget hearing for Ottawa County. Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, was present. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the 2017 Ottawa County budget as presented. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The commissioners signed Resolution 16-18, expressing the property taxation policy of Ottawa County Commission with respect to financing the annual budget for 2017.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, reported what they have been doing for programs in the Health Department and Aging Office. She said they are helping with the Kansas Food Bank Mobile 8/17/16, at the Minneapolis Catholic Church. Sara discussed the Hospice Fund with the board. Some options were discussed, and Sara will get back with them.

Vouchers were approved.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the commissioners the request for the Federal Fund Exchange dollars for reimbursement of bridge work. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the Kansas Department of Transportation Federal Fund Exchange Request for Reimbursement for \$113,225.04. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. John gave the board a letter from David Davidson, requesting the County close Ivy Road east of his driveway. The commissioners asked for John to send him the paperwork for closing roads, which involves a survey and a fee to be paid. John reported on a motor grader incident where a radiator door was left open, and then damaged. The commissioners informed John they had 4 applications for his position when he retires in December. They will interview next week.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, brought up a list of checks that she would like to see the commissioner's

write-off from 2013. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the write-off of checks for 2013, from the County Treasurer. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. These are checks that have never cleared the county's bank.

Bob Griffin, Griffin's Contracting, brought in an estimate for electrical work the custodian has asked him to prepare for the basement meeting room, and kitchen.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 37, and Ottawa County 3. Keith discussed dispatching fees. Commissioner Luthi found some documentation from prior meetings and gave them to Keith for review, in regards to dispatching fees.

Randy Gruber, Bennington Fire Department #4, came in and the commissioners made a telephone call to the county's workers compensation company for clarification on the documents that went out designating clinicians and facilities for workers compensation claims. Chris Fruits, and Jim Klein, Delphos Fire Department #3, joined the group. All questions were answered by Tina Cox, and Amanda Chamberland, with Cornerstone Risk Solutions.

Lisa Keating, Family Heritage Insurance, met with the commissioners, and presented policies that she has available for employees to purchase, for cancer, accident, heart & stroke, ICU, and a term life. The commissioners said they would discuss it and let her know.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Election Officer, discussed moving the polling place in Bennington from Bennington City Hall. The room has outgrown the voters that vote there. All of Bennington City, Bennington Township, Lincoln Township, Buckeye Township, and Ottawa Township vote there. Mary has done some checking, and has received permission from the Bennington Fire Department and Bennington EMS, to move the polling place to the new Bennington Fire/EMS Station, in their training/meeting room. All the details have been worked out should there be an emergency and the fire trucks and ambulance need to get out. Mary will send notices to all registered voters, and put reminders in the papers when the General Election gets nearer.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.