

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 3, 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, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

At 8:15 a.m., the commissioners held a road hearing to determine if the following described road would be suitable for vacating: A part of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast (NE) corner of said Section 1 and running thence South 25 feet to the South line of Limestone Road, now vacated, Ottawa County, Kansas, being the point of beginning; thence West along the South right-of-way line of Limestone Road, now vacated, a distance of 24.75 feet to the West right-of-way line of Solomon Road, Ottawa County, Kansas; thence South along the West right-of-way line of Solomon Road, Ottawa County, Kansas, to a point 24.75 feet West of the Southeast (SE) corner of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 1; thence East 24.75 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 1; thence North along the East line of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 1 to the point of beginning, the same being the West one half of Solomon Road, Ottawa County, Kansas, as it runs across the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 1. No one was present for the hearing. The commissioners viewed the road several weeks ago. Commissioner Kay moved to vacate the above described road, and to pass Resolution 15-13, declaring the road vacated. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, gave the board an update on what he has been doing. He went over the surveys that he gave out at the fair.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, Allen Brown, Road Foreman, and Randy Bates, Motor grader, met with the board and the commissioners asked Randy about the bush that was mowed down. Randy said that he was under the impression that was county property. Mary Thrower, joined the group. Mary said that she went home and there was no bush. She said that was private property, and it didn't need cleaned up. She said that it was beyond her comprehension why it was mowed down, and it is so ugly. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. Discussion was held if the employee should be written up, mowing on a vacated road. John said that he would go ahead and write something up and put it in employee's file. Mary felt Randy's apology wasn't sincere enough, and he didn't care. Jason said that he would like to see the county set a policy to see that it doesn't happen again.

Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners will meet back at 1:00 p.m.

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At 1:00 p.m., Commissioner Luthi joined the group.

The commissioners met with the auditor's for the 2016 budget preparation. Other's present were JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, and John Copple, Highway Administrator.

Commissioner Luthi moved to pass resolution 15-14, transferring available funds from the Election fund to the Election Capital Outlay fund of \$10,000. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.