

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
June 4, 2018

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

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

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

Commissioner Luthi moved to approve Resolution 18-09, adjusting salary as approved for county counselor. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Rob Boss, was an observer.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, joined the group. Commissioner Brumbaugh discussed a conversation she had with Kansas Association of Counties executive director Randall Allen. Randall Allen stated that for future reference, and commissioner attending a public meeting, who stands up to speak and mentions any county business is representing themselves as a county spokesperson. The person is not considered a private citizen according to their job capacity and title. Commissioner Kay took the County Attorney out to the landfill last week to give him an overview of prior discussion. Commissioner Brumbaugh stated that there was discussion earlier that a trip was being planned for the three commissioners, along with the landfill operators, and the engineering firm for everyone to go out together to look at the site. Richard updated the commissioners on the tax sale, and court cases.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, reported that he had been out discussing business succession. Phil said that Ottawa County's April unemployment rate is 3.0%. Phil discussed Neighborhood Revitalization with the commissioners. Commissioner Kay discussed the Facility Conservation Improvement Program with Phil. He felt that the county should pursue it. Commissioner Kay moved to have the Kansas Corporation come in and do the audit for the Facility Conservation Improvement Program. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The county would pick a firm to come in and do the audit. The first visit does not cost anything for the audit.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon gave the board an Agreement between Kyle Railroad and Ottawa County for crossing signals with gates, located North of Minneapolis on the Ada Road or Mulberry Road. Shannon explained the wording that the commissioners had questions about from last week. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve Agreement No. 006153004, between Kyle Railroad and Ottawa County and the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas, for construction and maintenance of Highway Crossing Signals under Section 130, United States Code 23, located North of Minneapolis on the Ada Road or Mulberry Road. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon gave the board a Resolution pertaining to changing the speed limit sign at the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 2 West, said regulation to be a 40 M.P.H. speed limit sign AND at the North side of the Solomon River Bridge, southbound lane, said regulation to be a 40 M.P.H. speed limit sign. Commissioner Luthi moved to pass Resolution 18-10, regarding changing the speed limit signs on the above referenced road. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Commissioner Luthi asked Commissioner Kay why he didn't want it. Commissioner Kay said that several years ago Elmer Brown asked the board to do something on Aspen Road, and nothing was done, so he didn't know why something was being done now. Commissioner Luthi stated that a study was done on

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Aspen Road, and the county complied with what the study came out with, and it wasn't changing speed limit signs. Shannon explained his thought process on the issue. Commissioner Kay stated he has visited with citizens that didn't want it changed. Motion carried, 2-1. Commissioner Luthi voting Aye, and Commissioner Brumbaugh voting Aye, and Commissioner Kay voting Nay. Commissioner Luthi stated that she has received calls wanting it changed. Shannon gave the commissioners a document for a Fuel Project. Shannon said that he bought a portable bathroom to be taken to sites where the crews are working. He said that the crews split up on a regular basis and that another one is needed. It was approved to purchase another one.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, informed the commissioners on the financials for the chemicals. Chemicals are always sold at the county cost, there is no profit on sales. Kenny discussed part-time help for the office. No decision was made. Kenny said that Ottawa County Lumber Yard has the tin that wasn't used for the Emergency Management new building at the county shop, and he could use it for the inside walls of his old building where the chemical is stored. They are wanting \$3,800 for it. Kenny said that he has funds in his budget for it. The commissioners approved.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 46, and Ottawa County 6. Keith said that Archetype Design Group will be here today to go over final plans before it goes to bid.

Brian Kindall, Fair Board, visited with the commissioners on putting up handicap parking spaces at the fairgrounds. The commissioners approved. He also visited with the board about the matter of the bathrooms being remodeled. He asked about seeking annexation to the City of Minneapolis, as the City of Minneapolis does not participate in the National Flood Plain program, and the county does, and it would make the process easier, plus being able to seek grant funding. It was decided the fair board and recreation commission would seek the process steps from the City of Minneapolis, first, and then meet back with the commissioners. Commissioner Luthi moved to give permission to Brian Kindall, Fair Board and Jamie Rice, Minneapolis Recreation, to see what the procedure is with the City of Minneapolis to get the fairgrounds annexed into the City of Minneapolis. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi made it clear that a vote has not been taken to approve anything yet, but just start to see what the steps will be.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the commissioners and said that she got a call from USD 239, and they were wondering if the county would explore the idea of the county being the point of contact, through an agreement with them, to be responsible for opening the school's storm shelter up for the public to use, if needed. It holds 500 people. The commissioners approved for Marie to pursue it. Marie updated the commissioners on the free smoke-alarm project for citizens. Marie discussed the previous training on the active shooter exercise. She wondered if the commissioners wanted to participate in the after-action review. The commissioners said yes. Marie will look at dates and get back with them. Marie said that she received the Community Foundation AED grant, for \$6,988.38. They will go to Culver, Ada, Delphos, Tescott, Courthouse, and the police department patrol car. Marie said that she had an individual that was available June 14, 2018, for CPR training for Courthouse employees. The commissioners wanted to wait for a later date since the courthouse was going to be very busy with court going on.

Linda Hendrixson, Minneapolis, stopped in and asked who was responsible for the yard at the Museum. There was a lot of

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weeds growing up. The commissioners said that the weed department has already sprayed there, but they will get with Kenny Baccus and have him go down and hit it again.

Commissioner Kay moved to join National Association of Counties for \$450 a year. Motion died for a lack of a second until an item was clarified from the NACO representative in writing.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.