

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
May 21, 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 accept the resignation from Elmer Brown as Bennington Township Trustee, effective immediately. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Kirby Smith as Bennington Township Trustee, effective immediately. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with the commissioners about purchasing additional weather radios, which she is running low on. She has a quote for \$1,295 from Midland Radio Corporation, for 50. She will sell them for \$26. The commissioners approved. The group discussed the training program that is schedule from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. today. The commissioners let Marie know that they denied her raise request, since raises were just given in January.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, presented the health department 2019 budget for consideration. Sara went over programs that the Health Department has been doing or will be doing. Commissioner Brumbaugh visited with Sara about the time sheets from last week that weren't turned in on time.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, and Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton P.A., met with the board and Stuart gave the commissioners a proposal for the sewer portion of the wash bay project at the county shop. The survey work will start in the next 2-3 weeks. The commissioners will look over the proposal, and have the county attorney review, and get back with Stuart. Shannon reported on what crews were doing.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, presented his 2019 budget for consideration.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:56 for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners. They returned to regular session at 10:06 a.m. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 48, and Ottawa County 3. Keith gave the commissioners a completed set of drawings for the jail remodeling project. Keith is getting bids for a patrol car.

John Nelson, and Collin Berkley, Tescott Fire Department, presented the fire department 2019 budget for consideration.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, presented the 2019 Aging budget for consideration. Those present were Judith Swagerty, and Joan Sullivan, Aging Council. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 10:57 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department

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Administrator. They returned to regular session at 11:02 a.m. No decision was made.

Vance Stirn, Tescott, and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, met with the commissioners to discuss evergreen tree damage that was done by the county. Vance had an estimate from a landscaping company, and replacing the 14 trees, 10'-12' planted would be \$8,475. Vance has contacted Kansas Forestry, and they have a representative that will come out and assess what damage has been done. It was decided to have Vance go that route. The county will turn it in on insurance.

Samantha Davis, Museum Curator, met with the commissioners and requested a raise for one of her part-time employees, Marilou Wenthe, to be brought up to the same wage as the other part-time employee. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the wage increase as proposed by Samantha. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The part-time employees at the Museum did not receive any wage increases at the start of 2018.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, came in and the group went over an employment agreement. The commissioners went over the proposed renewal Contract for Operation of a Construction and Demolition Landfill and the Direct Haul Transfer of Solid Waste. The group discussed insurance.

At 1:00 p.m., the commissioners attended the emergency response training at the courthouse.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.