

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
May 7, 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.

Robert Boss, was an observer.

An abatement was approved.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, presented her 2019 budget proposals for the Clerk and Election funds for consideration.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for five minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:15 a.m. No decision was made.

Jennifer Cleveland, Lou Weis, and Tommy Barrett, Ottawa County Conservation District, presented the 2019 budget proposal for consideration for the Conservation District.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, brought in 2019 budget proposals for the Treasurer and Vehicle funds for consideration. JoDee also discussed the motor vehicle fund issue that she visited with the commissioners about last week. She said that hopefully by the end of the month, that fund will be in the clear.

Allen Brown, Road Foreman, brought up the sufficiency rating codes for the Biennial Bridge Inspection Report. Jake said that 60 tons of tires were hauled off from the free tire dump. Jo Mesecher, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, said that she is getting calls about the debris from the tornado and if the landowners can dump for free. The commissioners said they would stay consistent with what has been done in the past, but a time frame of June 1, 2018, will be put on the hauling. The debris will need to be sorted.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, brought in the resolution for the tax sale. Richard said since letters have gone out, they have collected a little over \$50,000. The resolution allows for the start of title searches for the property going to sale. Commissioner Luthi moved to pass Resolution 18-07, Concerning Judicial Foreclosure and Sale of Real Estate Tax Liens. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:25 a.m. 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, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. No decision made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:40 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 Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 9:45 a.m. No decision was made.

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Jim Klein, and Curtis McKain, Delphos Fire Department #3, presented the fire department proposed 2019 budget for consideration.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 48, and Ottawa County 5. Keith discussed storm drains at the jail that were plugged last week during the storms, that caused the basement of the jail to flood.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave the commissioners a detailed folder of information from the storms and fires for the week of 4/30/18-5/5/18. Commissioner Luthi moved to pass Resolution 18-08, Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ottawa County, Kansas. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie gave information to the commissioners an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement between Lincoln County Fire District and Ottawa County Fire Department. The commissioners will wait to proceed any further on the matter, until Marie can touch base with the Ottawa County Fire Departments. Marie gave the board information, partnering with the American Red Cross, on a program for citizens to apply for free smoke alarms. The commissioners approved the program, and Marie will start advertising the program. Marie presented her proposed 2019 budget for consideration. Marie gave the commissioners a Department Head Proposed Employee Wage Increase form for herself for a wage increase of .70 per hour. The commissioners said they would review it. Marie said that she has put in for a grant to upgrade the automatic defibrillators in the courthouse and for the fire departments for safety kits.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, asked the commissioners if they had a chance to look through the comprehensive plan document. The commissioners said they need more time. Phil gave the board information on energy efficiency study. Phil discussed Neighborhood Revitalization with the commissioners.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, at 11:31 a.m. for five minutes to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 11:36 a.m. No decision was made

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel, at 11:37 a.m. for ten minutes to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. They returned to regular session at 11:47 a.m. No decision was made. Richard Buck, County Attorney, joined the group. Richard informed Phil that the commissioners were already working on putting him on contract, but it wasn't ready. For the meantime, Phil is to continue clocking in and out on the current time clock program.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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