

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
March 24, 2014

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

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

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in the flag salute, and prayer.

Abatement's were approved.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for five minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:15 a.m. No decision was made.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Director, came in and discussed her budget for the rest of the year. She discussed what reimbursements would be coming in for the remainder of the year.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. The commissioners opened tire recycling proposals. Champlin Tire Recycling, \$82/ton; and Resource Management Co., \$78/ton. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the proposal from Resource Management Co., for \$78/ton for the tire recycling program. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi moved to bank the Federal Fund Exchange 2014 funds for \$164,075.96 to use at a later date. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. John discussed bridge repairs needed. It was decided to get the engineering and design work started for the repair of the landfill bridge. John gave the commissioners a list of employees that he is recommending raises for. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the request for the recommended employee's raises that John gave them, effective March 25, 2014. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 9, and Ottawa County 1. Keith said that he working on a grant for replacing their bullet proof vests. He has sent off the information for the GIS mapping.

Richard Pieschl, met with the commissioners and gave them the history on 10 acres that has been eventually been passed down to him. What he needs is a deed from the county, legally giving him ownership of the land that the county has already passed on to him. This land is along Heartland Drive, 23-11-3, Concord Township. The commissioners asked for Richard to get with Terry Farrington and have him research it and draw up the necessary papers for them to sign. Richard said that he would pay for the expense.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, came in and shared a letter he got for a request to vacate a road, and the commissioners said that they were already aware of the situation, and the individuals need to go through the

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proper channels to start the process of the request. Jason visited with the commissioners on FEMA issues that have been raised on the last application that was done.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m., until 1:00 p.m.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that the fire index is at moderate. It was decided to not put another burn ban on for this week, unless Marie calls for a special meeting.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Bill Feleciano, State of Kansas Public Assistant Coordinator, speaking on behalf of FEMA, met with the board and discussed who has legal responsibility of the townships. Mr. Feleciano indicated according to the township guide, the county is under county unit road system. Jason said that the county actually is responsible for maintaining the roads. Jason will provide him with written documentation as to that fact. Mr. Feleciano said for future disasters, the county should continue to apply like they have been in the past.

The minutes of March 24, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.