

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
October 24, 2016

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

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

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

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for eight minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, 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 8:18 a.m. No decision was made.

Amanda Loughridge, Aging Department, visited with the board on the transportation grant. They are not asking for any new dollars, \$47,871.96, except she will need a new letter of support. She updated the board on the transportation regional meetings.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, and Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator in training, reported on what crews were doing. At 9:00 a.m., the commissioners opened interest rate proposals for a five-year lease of two motor graders, and a backhoe, for a total of \$364,600. Citizen State Bank-1.89%; and Bennington State Bank-1.93%. A proposal from Bank of Tescott was not received. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the proposal from Citizen State Bank for 1.89% for five years. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon updated the commissioners on how CDL testing was going with himself and a couple of other employees.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator in training, Scott Mortimer, and David Crosson, met with the board to discuss the bridge west of Delphos, which was broken down by an individual, which Jason said that he doesn't have anything new to report. Scott discussed a way to repair the bridge. The group discussed the size of the bridge, equipment weight that would be going over it, etc. Jason explained the legal concept of the matter with the group.

At 10:30 a.m., the commissioners held a public hearing, in regards to the proposed issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Delphos Cooperative Association) in the approximate principal amount of \$4,000,000 and regarding an exemption from ad valorem taxation of property, constructed or purchased with the proceeds of such Bonds. Those present were Steve Hoesli, Phillip Kirchoff, Delphos Cooperative Association, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, Phil Ballou, Curtis McKain, Craig Ballou, Dennis Ablard, Drew Halderson, Board Members, Sarah Stelle, Gilmore & Bell, Curt Frasier, with Frasier Johnson Martin, Council for Delphos Cooperative Association, David Carver, and Kayla Paige, Delphos City Mayor. Steve introduced the individuals in the room. Steve explained the construction of the proposed project, and

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gave the group a history of the Delphos Cooperative Association. Mr. Frasier explained what IRB's are, and what they will be used for on this project. There were no questions on the cost analysis. Kayla stated the council is on board with this project, as the Delphos Cooperative is their largest employer, and the sustainability that the company has for their community is very important. Commissioner Luthi closed the public hearing at 10:56 a.m. Commissioner Kay moved to approve Resolution 16-23, a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, Kansas, amending Resolution 16-21 of the County Determining the Advisability of Issuing Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition, of Related Documents. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Prisoner count was reported at Saline County 40, Sedgwick County 3, and Ottawa County 8.

At 11:00 a.m., the commissioners held a department head meeting. Those present were Ken Stelter, Custodian, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, Truette McQueen, Appraiser, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, JoDee Copple, Treasurer, Allen Brown, Road Foreman, Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator in training, Jettie Condray, Museum, Jason Parks, County Attorney, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Keith Coleman, Sheriff, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. The commissioners explained the new overtime law going into effect December 1, 2016, for certain salaried employees, with elected officials being exempt from the law. Marie said that there was going to be a meeting November 2, 2016, with the company putting in the new power lines, and everyone was invited.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, visited with the commissioners on how his KPERS retirement is being calculated, pertaining to the payout of sick and vacation leave that he received years ago. The commissioners said that they would discuss his request of a 15% raise to off-set the difference.

Commissioner Kay moved to pass Resolution 16-24, pertaining to open burning. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, stopped in and the commissioners reviewed duties with him that the courthouse custodian does at the law enforcement center.

The commissioners recessed at 1:00 p.m.

At 3:00 p.m. the commissioners reconvened at the landfill.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner

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