

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

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

The official minutes of January 3, 2012, were approved and signed.

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Steven Roy, Mike Smith, Corey Kiser, and Casey Brown. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGavran moved to pay the 2012 dues of \$3,500 to North Central Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGavran moved to pay the 2012 dues of \$1,697.50 to Kansas Association of Counties. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

The Board of County Commissioners held re-organization.

Commissioner McGavran moved to nominate Commissioner Luthi as Chairperson of the Board for 2012. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner McGavran moved to nominate Commissioner Kay as Vice-Chairman for 2012. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGavran moved to re-appoint the following department heads for their respective offices for 2012: Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Ken Stelter, Custodian, Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Administrator, Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGavran moved to designate the following banks as the County's official depositories: Bennington State Bank, Minneapolis, Bennington State Bank,

Bennington, Ottawa County Bank, Minneapolis, State Bank of Delphos, Delphos, and Bank of Tescott, Tescott. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGavran moved to designate the following as the official county newspaper: Minneapolis Messenger for 2012. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Ken Wilcox, Road Foreman, reported on what crews were doing. Ken informed the board that the bridge by Merl Parde's house on K-106 is going to be torn out by the State. There is a meeting tomorrow that Ken is attending at the site. Ken brought up the information for the auger and attachments needed to put on the sign truck. The commissioners approved.

Truette McQueen, Appraiser, came in and the commissioners discussed the scrap metal dealer's license law. The attorney general's office have the application's on their website. Truette said that the application indicates a possible background check that would need to be done on an applicant. He is waiting on a call back on that answer. Commissioner McGavran moved to charge a fee of \$250 for the scrap metal license application request for 10 years. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner McGavran moved to charge a renewal fee of \$50 for the scrap metal license, or at the time what the State statute calls for. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Steve Carlson, Minneapolis, stopped in and requested the county block and fence off the eastern part of an open road in Concord Township, on Justice Road, where it dead ends at the highway. The commissioners said that he could apply to officially the close that portion of the road. Steve did not want to do that. The commissioners felt they couldn't let a fence go across an open road. Steve understood.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, stopped in and gave the commissioners an update. Phil talked on a meeting in Overland Park that he has been awarded a scholarship for most of the expenses. The commissioners approved for him to attend.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 19, Ottawa County 2, and Saline County 6. Keith has spoke to KDOC and they should be bringing prisoners

soon. Keith said that the leaks on the roof have been fixed. A water heater is leaking and needs to be replaced.

The commissioners signed Resolution 12-02, advising that a road might be suitable for vacating, described as follows: The 40' wide county roadway on 240th Road, Ottawa County, Kansas, lying on the West side of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas and lying on the East side of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas commencing at the North line of Ute Road, Ottawa County, Kansas and running North to the one half section line of said Sections 18 and 13. The Clerk will mail the notices and the hearing is set for Tuesday, January 17, at 8:30 a.m., in the commissioners room.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:51a.m.