

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 Luthi opened the meeting in the flag salute and prayer.

The official minutes of January 9, 2012, were approved and signed.

The commissioners examined and confirmed the annual township reports of Lincoln, Morton, and Garfield Townships.

Commissioner McGavran moved to designate the County Clerk's Office/County Election Office to provide assistance at no charge to any person applying for a free certified copy of the person's birth certificate from the Kansas Office of Vital Statistics for the purpose of registering to vote. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held a road hearing to possibly vacate the following road: The 40' wide county roadway on 240<sup>th</sup> Road, Ottawa County, Kansas, lying on the West side of Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 1 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas and lying on the East side of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 2 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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. Darren Sudbeck, a landowner present, voiced his concern that if it was wet, he would have to access where it would be closed, and also it's easier access for him to get crop to market on that road. Commissioner McGavran moved to close the above described road. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners signed Resolution 12-03, closing the road.

Kenny Wilcox, Road Foreman, reported on what crews were doing. Kenny gave the commissioners a request to dispose of material from renovating a store downtown owned by Scott Torres, through the dilapidated housing program. The request was denied as it did not meet all the qualifications of the program.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 20, Ottawa County 1, and Saline County 7. Keith said that Kansas Department of Corrections will be here

today with 8 prisoners to house. Keith said that he has one quote for the water heater from Hajoca, Salina, for a commercial heater for \$4,172.38, and he is waiting for one more.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Department, discussed RN wages with the commissioners. Sandy is requesting her RN start wage be moved to \$20.50/hour. It was decided to allow Sandy to move her part-time RN employee to \$20.50 full-time, but the start wage would remain where it is now. Sandy discussed the wellness program. She asked if the commissioners wanted employee's coming during the work hours to the health department, if they participate in the wellness program. It was decided the initial visit can be done on county time, but after that, the employee will need to use sick time. Sandy updated the commissioners on the transportation progress.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.