

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
February 6, 2017

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 James P. Kay, Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

The commissioners examined and confirmed the annual township reports of Fountain, Logan, Richland, and Center Townships.

Abatement's were approved.

Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the resignation of Kenneth White as Ottawa Township Trustee, effective immediately. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, discussed the tax abatement resolution, and wondered if the commissioners were ready to set base amounts. After base amounts were determined, Phil will make the revisions in the resolution and bring back to the board. Phil reported on a grant for county clean-up he is doing. Phil went over the revised Comprehensive Plan update.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon let the commissioners know about training coming up. Shannon discussed policies pertaining to road and bridge. Shannon visited with the commissioners about sharing equipment, plans, etc. with other counties. After discussion, the commissioners asked for Shannon to visit with the county attorney before he does anything. Shannon gave the commissioners a new quote for the broke bridge west of Delphos from L & M Contractors, Inc., for \$30,385.

Mary Stirn, Joshua Hunley, and Kenneth Greene, Henry Township Board, Muriel Greene, and Ken and Reta Kelly, met with the commissioners, and Mary reported to the board that Henry Township owns a tiny piece of property, located in Section 6, Range 5, Henry Township, that the Kelly's were interested in purchasing. Henry Township has had a meeting, and they were in unanimous decision to sell the property. Mary asked if there was a process with the commissioners that needed to be done. The commissioners gave the group a copy of a statute that should be followed.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, stopped in and reported on the custodial office since he has taken over as Custodian. Matt said that he has had Access Control Systems come in and go through the building and do an assessment of each office, and outside doors on changing locks. The commissioners asked for Matt to get with the department heads and report back. Matt asked if there was anything else the commissioners wanted him to look at. He mentioned several things that he has seen in a file that has been presented. The commissioners gave Matt a copy of the

budget that was presented last year that had a 5-year plan on items.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 40, Sedgwick County 5, and Ottawa County 4.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, visited with the commissioners about electrical issues at the old noxious weed building. Kenny said that it has been determined that the breaker box shows low voltage on one side. He has a new box on order. Kenny updated the commissioners on what his office has been working on.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, gave the commissioners a revised resolution on the tax abatement policy. The commissioners said they would like to look the revision over, and would like Phil to get a copy of the proposed resolution to the county appraiser, the county treasurer, and the county clerk to review since their offices are included in the process.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, stopped in and updated the commissioners on a legal issue.

The commissioners held the annual solid waste meeting. Those present were the commissioners, Dave Hardesty, Landfill Operator, Kayla Paige, Delphos City Mayor, Judith Swagerty, Chairman, City of Bennington, Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. Judith called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the minutes from February 1, 2016. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Financial reports were reviewed. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the financial reports. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kay said that in 2016, approximately 2264 tons were hauled to Salina. Phil discussed the Dane G Hansen Community Clean-Up grant that he has applied for, for \$20,000. Phil explained the grant and the group talked about the best way to handle the dumping, as each city will have their own dates. The commissioners said that they have discussed fees, and they would like to keep the fees the same this year, with no increase. All fees have been put on the tax statements for collection. Dave gave his contractor report, stating that tonnage hauled to Salina is up around 30 tons. The Spring clean-up and tire amnesty clean-up date for 2017 will be May 1, 2017-May 6, 2017. Fall clean-up was set for October 2, 2017-October 7, 2017. Election of officers – Commissioner Luthi moved to elect Judith as Chairman, and Kayla as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Judith reported that their recycling program is working well. Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:54 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 1:56 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.