

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
February 10, 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.

An abatement was approved.

Vouchers were approved.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, brought in his annual report for the commissioners to review and sign. After review, the commissioners signed the report. Commissioner Brumbaugh talked to Kenny about attending a Farm Bureau meeting, and there was discussion about the Noxious Weed office being open 2-3 hours, 1 day a week in the morning this Spring/Summer for individuals to buy chemical. Kenny said that was fine.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews have been doing. John gave the board an agreement between Mark A Chapman and Ottawa County to install underground electric facilities under a portion of Oxbow Road. Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage was provided.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, Pat Baccus, Treasurer, and Marilyn Heck, County Register of Deeds, came in and said they wanted to discuss the fact that the county was going to pay the employees for last Tuesday, for the part of the day that employees were sent home for snow, but employees would need to use leave for Wednesday. The commissioners said they were going to stick to their decision.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 17, and Ottawa County 2.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, stopped in and talked to the commissioners about the possibility of looking at a new shredder. With their motor vehicle documents, they will need one that can shred different material other than paper. She also would like to have one that could be put under maintenance. The commissioners asked for her to research the issue and let them know.

Commissioner Luthi moved to keep the current drug & alcohol policy as is, with no changes to the Non-DOT policy or the DOT policy. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to re-appoint Frank R Cole, and John Pruitt as Non-Lawyer Members to the Judicial Nominating Commission for the term of March 3, 2014 to March 5, 2018. Commissioner Brumbaugh

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seconded. Motion carried.

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At 12:00 p.m., the commissioners held the annual meeting between the county, City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, and Ottawa County Fair Board. Those present were Virginia Hoover, City of Minneapolis Mayor, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, Brian Kindall, Fair Board, Trevor Fuller, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, Johnathan Schmidt, City of Minneapolis Council, Darrell Brown, City of Minneapolis Council, and Tania Daugherty, Minneapolis Recreation Commission. Johnathan reported that they have 2-3 new members coming on the fair board. He reported on events from last year. Brian said that the fair dates this year are July 15-19. The fair board plans on working on some more bleachers. The south end of the arena will be cleaned up for a T-ball field. Brian said that he had received proposals for repairs on buildings, just to see where a starting point would be. They have not got anything really in mind, so no official proposals have been sought. He thinks that the entities should consider in the future a community building to have available. Commissioner Brumbaugh gave out information on an upcoming meeting on grants. Phil provided information on grants. Tania indicated that the Recreation Commission is still paying for the lights, and it indicated in the current agreement that the City of Minneapolis pays for them. Virginia said that she will check into that. The group discussed the request of the Tractor Pull organization in having the pull in the space of the West of the arena was discussed. Brian said they would discuss it more at the fair board meeting. Phil reported on behalf of the Ottawa County Service Corporation.

The minutes of February 10, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.