

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2019

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

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Vouchers were approved.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, went over her applications, and reported on the interviews she conducted last week for the vacant Deputy County Clerk position. She had a qualified candidate she would like to offer the job to, and asked to offer \$13.50 to the individual, .75 cents above the start wage. The commissioners approved.

Commissioner Wolf moved to hire Greg Dockins as the Ottawa County Road & Bridge Administrator, with a salary of \$48,000, with the understanding that he not drive the county pickup home every night. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to terminate Phil Aumick's position effective immediately as Ottawa County Economic Development Director. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Those voting Aye were Commissioner Brumbaugh and Commissioner Wolf, and Commissioner Kay voting Nay. Motion carried, 2-1.

Lyle Davidson visited with the commissioners about updating the scoreboard at the Minneapolis baseball field. They have cleaned the lights at the ballfield and replaced new bulbs. USD #239 has received a grant from Ottawa County Community Foundation to put a building behind the home plate.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:50 a.m. for five minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners. They returned to regular session at 8:55 a.m. No decision was made.

The commissioners visited with Phil Aumick, and informed him that his position was terminated, effective immediately.

Greg Dockins, Interim-Road & Bridge Administrator, met with the commissioners and they offered the Road & Bridge Administrator position to Greg, for \$48,000/year. Greg accepted the position, effective immediately. Greg asked the 4-hour week 10-hour day schedule coming up. The commissioners asked for Greg to ask each of the Road & Bridge employees what they prefer. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adopt the Ottawa County Road & Bridge Department Commercial Driver's License policy. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Greg reported on what crews were doing.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, gave the commissioners a Disaster Relief Application from Michael & Genevieve Gotti, Tescott, from a tornado in 2018. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the Disaster Relief Application from Michael & Genevieve Gotti for 2018. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Truette gave a Disaster Relief

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Application from Katherine D Terry, Tescott, from a fire in 2018. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the Disaster Relief Application from Katherine D Terry, City of Tescott, for 2018. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Truette gave the board a 2019 GIS Map Maintenance contract from Kimble Mapping, Inc. They have raised their rates this year by \$600. Truette will give the agreement to the county attorney for review. Truette discussed raising fees for zoning. It has been 14 years since fees were looked at. Commissioner Wolf moved to accept the Resolution 19-03, Establishing a Fee Schedule for Charges for Proceeding Governed by the Zoning Regulation and Subdivision Regulations of Ottawa County, Kansas, as recommended by Truette, effective immediately. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Truette gave the commissioners copies of a map of the fairgrounds and Minneapolis City Ordinance of the annexation of certain land which is owned by the City of Minneapolis and the Ottawa County Fair Association. This is due to the ground being in the flood plain. Truette said that he has an issue with the legal description in the Ordinance and explained it. Truette and the commissioners agreed that a survey needed to be done. Truette will get a recommendation from the county attorney on whether or not a survey needs done.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 33, and Ottawa County 8. Keith reported on the progress of the jail remodeling project.

Les Johns, visited with the commissioners about reinstating Jeremy Snavelly in a position at Road & Bridge. Commissioner Kay said that they are taking applications for the road crews. The commissioners said that they have hired Greg Dockins as Road & Bridge Administrator, which Les said was good. Commissioner Kay said that the Road Foreman position is being interviewed for soon.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, Jo Mesecher, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, Les Johns, Minneapolis, and Dave Hardesty and John Hardesty, Landfill Operators, met with the commissioners and discussed the landfill with the board. Jo went over old emails that she has found to clarify with the State. The group discussed the pond dug at the landfill. Les agreed to the release of water slowly from the pond onto his property. Greg said that they have permission from the State to carry that out. Before a new pond is put in, an engineer plan needs to be done. Greg will get with a couple engineering firms for costs. Dumping from the top of the new cell was discussed. More than likely it will be moved to the bottom, and everyone was in agreement.

Commissioner Wolf moved to raise the wage of JoDee Cople, County Treasurer, to \$34,000/year, effective 2/25/19. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to raise Deputy County Treasurer Melissa Witt to \$15.00, effective 2/25/19. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

At 1:00 p.m., the commissioners held the annual City of Minneapolis/County/Fair Board/Minneapolis Recreation Commission meeting. Those present were Al Miles, and Gary Kay, Ottawa County Service Corporation, Sheldon Daugherty, Kerm Wedel, and Dave Sweat, City of Minneapolis, Brian Kindall, Fair Board, Lyle Davidson, Jamie Rice, and Dan Mesecher, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, and Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, and Phil Aumick. Commissioner Kay introduced Commissioner Wolf to the group. The group then introduced themselves. Brian went over bleacher corrections on the agreement. Al said that because of Bike Across Kansas, the carnival will be open for it, and

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Phil said that the food stands will be open. Lyle discussed the score board improvement and lighting that was improved. USD #239 has received a grant from Ottawa County Community Foundation to put a building behind the home plate. Coming up with an improvement form for individuals to use in the future for requests was suggested. Brian brought up additional lights being installed on the north ball field south side of the baseball outfield light poles. Brian asked the commissioners how they want to handle Bike Across Kansas using the RV hook-ups. Dave will bring it up at the City of Minneapolis council meeting. Brian is researching insurance for other groups holding events at the fairgrounds. Brian said that the Fair Board and Recreation Commission are in the process of applying/getting someone to write grants for the bathroom renovation project. Truette discussed the legal in the Ordinance that the City of Minneapolis passed in the annexation, that he has an issue with. Truette thought that the best thing to do is to have a survey done on the property. Commissioner Kay will meet with the county attorney to discuss the issue and see if the county attorney can meet with the city attorney. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, met with the commissioners and they informed her of the approved raises for her and her deputy. The commissioners explained their reasoning. JoDee explained what she has found out so far on on-line sales tax purchases.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.