

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Luthi.

The official minutes of December 3, 2007, was read, approved, and signed.

Vouchers were approved.

Jo Funk, Saline County Sanitarian, stopped in and wished the commissioners Merry Christmas, and discussed a few issues.

Bruce Barefield, County Attorney, reported that court has been cancelled for tomorrow due to the weather. The group went over procedures for the zoning hearing this afternoon.

Jim McClain, Bennington, brought up ambulance information for the board. Commissioner Luthi will organize a meeting with the ambulance task force, for possibly January 9.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, discussed roads and bridges of the county.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Department, talked on health department issues.

Ken White, County Sheriff, and Russ Thornton, Deputy, met with the commissioners. Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, swore Russell Thornton in as Ottawa County Undersheriff. Ken gave prisoner count of 35. Ken reported on employee matters.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser/Zoning Administrator, and Bruce Barefield, County Attorney, met with the commissioners. Commissioner Luthi went through the procedures on her part for the hearing.

At 1:00 p.m., the commissioners, acting as the Zoning Appeals Board, held a hearing in regards to Special Use Case No. SU-003-2007, Richard Krehbiel, applicant. Those present were Bruce Barefield, County Attorney, Truette McQueen, County Appraiser/Zoning Administrator, Michael Montoya, Ottawa County Zoning Board attorney, Bob Wasko, Attorney, and Richard Krehbiel, landowners of Pauline and John Brungardt, and Linda Tucker.

Commissioner McCullick moved to go into executive session for fifteen minutes at 1:53 p.m., for attorney/client matters. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Those present were Bruce Barefield, County Attorney, and Michael Montoya, Zoning Attorney. They returned to regular at 2:10 p.m. Mr. Montoya will send the county a couple of ideas for the revision of the county's firework resolution.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

