

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 7, 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.

Commissioner Luthi moved to send \$200 to Bennington After Prom senior class. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Roger Ahlquist as Morton Township Treasurer. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, came in and reported that the fire index is in the high and extreme category for most of the week. After discussion, and a telephone call to David Pounds, USDA office, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to extend burn ban Resolution 14-08, not to exceed seven days. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Marie said that she is still working with FEMA on getting them information on township material/tonnage.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board a petition for vacating a road by Steven Hoover, for a road described as follows: A part of the Southeast quarter (SE ¼) of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas and a part of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of Section 1, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas, beginning at a point 25 feet South and 100 feet East of the Northwest (NW) corner of the Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 1; running thence East along the South right-of-way line of Limestone Road to a point on the West right-of-way line of Solomon Road/Meridian Road; running thence North along the West right-of-way line of Solomon Road/Meridian Road a distance of 50 feet; running thence West along the North right-of-way line of Limestone Road to a point due North of the point of beginning; running thence South 50 feet to the point of beginning the same being a portion of the roadway right-of-way of Limestone Road, Ottawa County, Kansas. The commissioners signed Resolution 14-09, pertaining to the vacating, and the Clerk will send notices.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, discussed Neighborhood Revitalization with the board. Phil gave the commissioners an update.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the commissioners a hauler's permit application from Salina Waste Systems, which the commissioners signed. John gave the board

a list of items that were listed on Purple Wave auction. The group discussed the Pieschl bridge. The commissioners have thoroughly discussed all options off and on for over a year, and they will officially make a decision next week. Individuals will be notified of the meeting.

Kathy Moshier, Becky Gassman, and Deb Byarlay, Central Kansas Mental Health, gave the commissioners an update, and their budget proposal for 2015 for consideration.

Oscar Larson, stopped in and reiterated to the board about the water standing in his field. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. The commissioners said that the county did the needed work done on the road, which was to make it drain correctly. Oscar is requesting for the road to be put back the way it ways. Water Resources was called and they looked at the situation and said that if the creek was cleaned out it would solve the problem, and the county has no jurisdiction in that matter. The commissioners asked for Mr. Larson to put his request in writing to them and they will look into it.

Mary Thrower, stopped in and Commissioner Kay let her know the decision has been made to close the Pieschl bridge and that official action will be taken next week.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Ottawa County 3, Saline County 8, and 1 in custody in Sedgwick County they are going to get. Keith said that he needed to update a couple of computers. Keith said that he is having trouble with the intercom system at the jail, and is researching options. Keith, on behalf of the Minneapolis Fire Department, asked if the commissioners would meet with the City of Minneapolis, and fire department board to answer questions the fire department has. Keith will work on putting a meeting together between the entities.

Leigh Ann Montoy, and Kevin Urban, Salina-Saline County Health Department, gave the board an update on 2014 1st Quarter wastewater statistics. The group discussed issues in the past and how they are implementing new procedures going forward. Leigh Ann gave the board information on funding increases she has worked on, and if the commissioners are on board with the increases, they would like to implement them May 1, 2014. The group discussed the shortfall for 2014, and raising fees is the only way she knows to address the situation. The commissioners said they would discuss the request and let them know.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the board an update on what his department is doing. He reported on vehicle repairs. Kenny gave the board a bill he received from the road and bridge department for putting the fence and gate back up, for \$1,700. He asked if he was supposed to pay it. The commissioners said they would talk to John Copple, Highway Administrator, about it.

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Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, came in and reported on real estate values for the coming year. Truette discussed Neighborhood Revitalization with the board.

Mike Adams, City of Tescott, said they were way behind on sealing their streets and wondered if there was something they could work out with the county to do it, and reimburse for supplies, etc. The commissioners said they would discuss it and talk to the Highway Administrator about it. He also asked if the county would help out with repairing the bridge east out of town. The commissioners will call North Central Regional Planning Commission and see if they can meet to discuss funding options.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 12:01 p.m., for ten minutes to discuss attorney/client matters. Commissioner seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Jason Parks, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:11 p.m. No decision was made.

The minutes of April 7, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.