

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 14, 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 said prayer.

Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the resignation from Steven Roy, effective July 7, 2014, from the Ottawa County Rural Fire District Board. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

An added was approved.

Vouchers were approved.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, reported on grants that she will be applying for. Sara said that the transportation year starts July 1, and they have had all the vehicles inspected and they all checked out fine. She reported on meetings that have been attended. Sara gave the board Health Fair information.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John reported on employee matters. The group discussed the blading of roads. John will get with the Road Foreman and have him go around with each motor grader and let them know how John wants the roads to be graded. John gave the commissioners an estimate from RMA Engineering for the sign reflectively study for the county. The commissioners gave John authority to start the proceeding with the abstractor to get the legal drawn up for straightening the curve on the Wells Road.

Dave and Cheryle Hardesty, Landfill Operators, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and John Copple, Highway Administrator, gave the board the revised Operation for Landfill contract to sign. All parties signed the contract. The revised Lease Agreement was reviewed and all parties signed the document, also. The commissioners said that they were going to set-up a schedule quarterly to come out and check on the landfill, as it is in the contract. The group discussed options for when the bridge to the landfill will be closed for repairs, going to the landfill. No date has been set yet for repairs.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, discussed future jury related cases, due to a law change, and the outlook on prisoner keep.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, discussed Neighborhood Revitalization with the board. Truette gave the group documentation and explained how the program should work, and gave the board a copy

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of the statute. Each department head explained their responsibility for the implementation of the current program. Phil talked to the commissioners about the housing assessment that the City of Minneapolis is doing. He asked if there was a commissioner that would like to attend. Commissioner Kay will attend.

Prisoner count was reported at City of Minneapolis 2, Ottawa County 3, and Saline County 21.

Wes Rathbun, Nex-Tech Wireless, stopped in and reported back that he had talked to the department heads, and no one had a problem with switching. He answered questions from department heads with concerns also. He had talked to Sheriff Coleman, who said that he would talk to his men to see which devices they wanted. The commissioners said that they hadn't talked to Sheriff Coleman as he was on vacation. The commissioners said they would go ahead and make the switch. Russell Thornton, Undersheriff, stopped in and reported that they would like to stay with Verizon Wireless. It is no problem to switch the rest of the county.

The minutes of July 14, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.