

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
December 7, 2015

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

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, Commissioner James P. Kay, Commissioner Kathy M. Luthi, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Brumbaugh opened the meeting in prayer and led the group in the flag salute.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, met with the commissioners and gave them the renewal information for the county employee health insurance. The rates will go down .12% for 2016. Commissioner Luthi moved to stay with Corporate Plan Management for health insurance for 2016 with \$40,000 specific loss deductible, for the premium rates quoted. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, visited with the board about whether the county had a road and bridge plan that he could include in the updated comprehensive plan. The commissioners said they didn't have specific detail written down. Phil had already visited with the Highway Administrator, and he has given Phil verbal information. Phil updated the board on things he has been working on. Phil gave the board a draft copy of Ottawa County Tax Abatement Policy for them to look at, along with a sample resolution.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John said they were going to close the Hoesli Bridge and start taking it out to replace it. The commissioners discussed with John putting a written document together for his procedures with roads, bridges, etc., in his office.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, visited with the board about the roof on the old noxious weed building. He had Melton Industries, Wichita, look at the roof, and his suggestion was to have the county's insurance adjuster come back and look at it, as Melton Industries saw quite a bit of hail damage on the tin. Melton Industries would send someone to come up at the same time and go over it with the insurance adjuster. Kenny contacted John Copple, Highway Administrator, and Melton Industries went and looked at the county shop roof also. It was decided to contact the insurance adjuster and have him come out. The commissioners asked for Kenny to send out proposals for the furnace work. Kenny updated the board on the legal notices that were sent out for noxious weed spraying.

Added's and abatement's were approved.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 33, and Ottawa County 5. Keith has spoken with a representative about the Next-Generation 911, and it will have to be a stand-alone line, so it will be fine to include the regular sheriff office line with the county contract.

Tammy Taylor, Twin Valley Telephone, brought in the final proposal for the telephone system upgrade. The

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commissioners will give the final proposal to the county attorney for review, and get back with her.

Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, stopped in and visited with the commissioners about an individual that showed interest in working at the Museum. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the hiring of Mary Lou Wenthe as a part-time employee, at the recommendation of the Museum Board and Jettie, for 16-17 hours a month at the Museum. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. In discussion, the commissioners would like for Jettie to put together a job description for the part-time employees.

Commissioner Kay moved to give .50 cent raises for 2016, across the board, distributing .30 cents in January, 2016, and .20 cents in July, 2016. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept the contract with Twin Valley Telephone for the telephone system upgrade. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners worked on year-end finances.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.