

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
September 5, 2017

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 Karen S. Brumbaugh, Commissioner Kathy M. Luthi, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, visited with the commissioners on the revision of the Job Application. She has been working with KCAMP, Attorney Assist, the county's liability insurance carrier.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, reported on meetings he has attended. Phil discussed programs he is working on.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon gave the commissioners a Disposal of Dilapidated Housing Program application for the City of Tescott. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve Application #27, for the City of Tescott. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon said that Saline County called him and they are going to be working on the Niles road, shoulder work. There will be delays, but road will not be closed. Shannon reported on a liability claim from a citizen from a mower last week. Shannon reported on bridges. Shannon reported on applications he has received for an open position. Shannon said that when he visited with the applicant, he offered \$15.00 per hour, as long as the commissioners approved it. The commissioners said that they wanted the wage to be \$14.60, with Shannon watching how he does. Shannon confronted Commissioner Kay about going out to the shop and questioning an employee about a muffler that had been purchased out of town. Shannon said that the employee also said that Commissioner Kay went to the employee's home on the weekend and questioned him. Commissioner Kay said that he was approached by a business owner in Minneapolis on the muffler issue. Commissioner Kay said that he visited with the employee on the road, not at his house. Procedures were discussed on how Commissioner Kay wanted Shannon to proceed in the future on purchases. Commissioner Kay said that new equipment purchases he thought Shannon should bring them before the board. But not replacement items, as long as the item wasn't that much. Commissioner Luthi thought that Shannon should go back to sending the commissioners weekly emails, on items that he is thinking about.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 43, Sedgwick County 1, City of Minneapolis 1, and Ottawa County 7.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, came in and the commissioners asked him about the rekeying of the courthouse. Matt said that he has kept in contact with the company, but they have been busy. Commissioner Brumbaugh visited with Matt on job duties on his job description.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.