

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
January 25, 2016

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 Luthi opened the meeting in prayer and led the group in the flag salute.

The annual township report of Durham and Ottawa were examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Abatement's were approved.

Vouchers were approved.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Saline County 32, and Ottawa County 7. Keith reported that a sheriff patrol car was totaled last week from a deer accident. He is working on getting bids. Keith said that he also needs to replace a DVR that is going bad.

Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, reported on the progress on the hospital bond project construction. She said that they have figured out the storage issue in the basement at the hospital. The health department will be able to leave their files currently stored in basement, left there.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John said that the bridge inspections are being started, and if the board was going to close the bridge, S.4-4.5, on Upland Road, between 180<sup>th</sup> Road and 190<sup>th</sup> Road, in Sherman Township. The commissioners will officially close the bridge in their meeting on February 16, 2016.

Eric Ivey, ITC, Jeff Jensen, Black & Veach, John Riggins, Kirkham & Michael, and John Copple, Highway Administrator, came in and visited with the commissioners on the line construction that will be starting in Ottawa County. Eric said that ITC needs an agreement with Ottawa County on a heavy haul route before they can begin construction. He has sent the information to John Copple, Highway Administrator, and John didn't have a problem with the proposed route. Eric gave the commissioners a document, with maps, of the engineering study of the project. Eric said that if there were any roads that the highway department saw were getting torn up, just to let them know and they would fix them, or if the highway department went ahead and fixed them, John would get reimbursed from ITC. Eric had the agreement, and said that ITC's attorney has been working with Jason Parks, County Attorney. Jason joined the group. Jason went back over the agreement to make sure corrections were made, and then approved the agreement for the commissioners to sign. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement with ITC Great Plains and Ottawa County. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners signed the agreement. Phil

Aumick, Economic Development Director, was present.

Reta Fae, Ken and Ryan Kelly, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Jeff Shafer and Rich Boucek, O & L #1 Fire Department, met with the board and discussed the new regulations of the burn ban. Reta Fae expressed their concerns on the new regulations. Last week they wanted to burn brush Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They found out they needed permit numbers. On Saturday, they called in their controlled burn to dispatch to get their incident number, and dispatch was busy, couldn't find the number they needed to give out, and took her telephone number to call her back. Reta Fae said that she didn't get called back all day. She would like to recommend that the commissioners get rid of having to get incident numbers, and calling the Sheriff office, as they need to be concerned with emergencies, and give the authority to the individual fire chiefs. She went through the resolution and gave her suggestions on what needs to be changed so individuals can abide by it. Jeff said that he usually calls the sheriff office when someone calls. Jeff said that he didn't understand at the meetings that it was going to work like this. Marie said that the only difference from before, was calling the sheriff office for a number so they knew where controlled burns were at. After discussion, the commissioners thanked Reta Fae for coming in, and presenting her suggestions. The commissioners said that they knew for the first year that it was going to be a learning curve for personnel, and the plan was to review it sometime in 2016.

Rich Boucek, O & L #1 Fire Department, informed the commissioners that they have a 1981 Ford pickup that was bought years ago, that they didn't need any longer, and they would like to sell it. The commissioners said for them to document it in their meeting minutes that they wanted to sell it, advertise, and take sealed bids on it.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, stopped in and invited the commissioners to a meeting tomorrow on E-Community. Commissioner Luthi went through some updates, and clarifications on the comprehensive plan, which is in the works of being updated. It was decided to wait until March for another meeting.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion.

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