

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
June 1, 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 with prayer and the flag salute.

Abatement's were approved.

Payroll was approved.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, gave the commissioners an agenda for the meeting next Tuesday night on the reviewing of the comprehensive plan update. Phil went through a list of objectives for the review of the comprehensive plan.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Jeff Bender, and Ryan Standley, Foley Equipment, stopped in on a courtesy call to see if the commissioners had any questions or issues for them.

Russell Thornton, Undersheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 36, and Ottawa County 5. Russ reported on employee status. Russ asked the commissioners if they had any pull with the Bennington Rodeo, and street dance officials. He said that the drinking has gotten out of hand, and there has been complaints. There was a hit and run that they are working, and numerous drinking and driving. Russ thought they might have to call in extra presence of law enforcement personnel in the future. The commissioners asked for a report of the complaints.

At 10:15 a.m., the commissioners were to open bids for the 4H building at the fairgrounds. No bids were received. The commissioners will extend the bidding process until next week. Bids will be due by June 8, 2015, 9:00 a.m., into the County Clerk's office, and bids will be opened at 10:15 a.m., June 8, 2015.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, said that State has declared a disaster due to all of the rain that has been received. Commissioner Kay moved to pass Resolution 15-08, and Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ottawa County, Kansas. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Marie gave the commissioners the Application for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funds and the Annual Budget for Personnel & Administrative Expenses on the grant. The commissioners approved and signed. Marie said that the county attorney had the burn ban finished. The group set the date of July 1, 2015, to meet with fire departments.

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Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, came in and the commissioners reported to Kenny that they had decided to give the \$1/per hour raises for his department. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the \$1/per hour raises for Kenny Baccus, and John Hendrick, Noxious Weed Department, effective May 25, 2015. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Kenny reported on chemical sales.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, visited with the board, along with Jason Parks, County Attorney, about the titling of the lots that were recently purchased by the Ottawa County Health Center. Truette had questions on the tax exemption they applied for on the lots, and the way they were titled. The deeds are very confusing, due to the entities involved. It was decided to try to meet with the trustees at their next monthly meeting.

The minutes of June 1, 2015, were approved and signed.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.