

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
April 4, 2016

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

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

Pastor Michelle McHenry opened the meeting in prayer. Commissioner Luthi led the group in the flag salute.

An abatement was approved.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to appoint Aaron Peters, Don Base, and Adam Ptacek to the O & L #1 Fire Department volunteer board. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners discussed the solid waste fee for the Bennington Senior Center. It was decided to stay consistent with the other entities and have they pay the 2016 rate of \$149.40. It was approved at the annual solid waste meeting in February, that the new charge of \$50 for non-profits would be effective January 1, 2017.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, met with the board and reported on meetings he will be attending. He reported on the progress of the updating of the Comprehensive Plan. He updated the board on what he has been doing. Phil asked the commissioners to review the issue of the county passing a resolution to implement a guest tax, approximately 4% of the room rate, for the businesses that would meet the qualifications. He said with the new ownership in the near future of the Rock City Motel, it would be a good time to do it if they wanted to. The tax then is used to fund whatever the county chooses, which is defined when the resolution is passed.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, and Amanda Loughridge, Aging Department, met with the board to have them sign the letter of the support for the Mobility Manager position on the North Central Kansas Regional Transit Coordination Board. The commissioners signed the letter. Amanda gave the board a copy of the job description, by-laws, and Memorandum of Understanding for the North Central Kansas Mobility Manager position. The commissioners approved to allow the Health Department to give a silent auction item of a year's (12) worth of blood pressure checks at \$4.00 each for the Golden Wheel's fund raiser April 23, 2016.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, gave the commissioners a Highway Use Permit from Dylan Crosson. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the Ottawa County Highway Use Permit #23 for Dylan Crosson to place a three phase electrical line under 90<sup>th</sup> Road, running from a pole on the East side of the road to the West. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. John had been in contact with Jason after he has seen and approached truck drivers from Westar not following the heavy haul routes that were agreed to ahead of time. Jason has been in contact with two representatives from

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Westar, and they both told Jason that the roads would be in better shape when they leave the project than when they started. They are close to being to the end of the heavy hauling. Jason said that there was no engineering study done at the beginning. Jason told John to watch and monitor and then if there are any more problems let Jason know and he will make contact with the representatives again. Jason said that John needed to go check roads, culverts, etc., at the end of the project and notate items that need attention. John reported on what crews were doing. John informed the commissioners another pole has been broken by a motor grader. There is some training refreshers planned for in the near future.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 45, and Ottawa County 7. Keith updated the commissioners on staff count and repair work.

Virginia Hoover, Minneapolis, was an observer.

The commissioners held a work session.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.