

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
October 14, 2019

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

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the commissioners the job description for the new Assistant Custodian to sign. Mary passed on the KCAMP letter to the board for the \$2,000 reimbursement the county received for the Risk Avoidance Grant for 2019. Mary gave the board an email that she received from DVACK, wanting the commissioners to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board, from Emergency Management, a copy of the letter from Geocore LLC, indicating that the demolition landfill pit at the State Lake was plugged and abandoned, meaning the monitoring of this well no longer needs to be done.

Vouchers were approved.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, updated the commissioners that he had hired Joshua Brown for the Assistant Custodian position and he will start October 23, 2019. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked what cleaning experience he has? Matt said that in the interview that Joshua said that he cleaned at a casino when he lived in Oklahoma. Matt said that Joshua brings mechanical experience, also. The commissioners asked Matt about the water lines in the storage room across the hallway. Matt said that he shut the valves off, but the water lines could still fail.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, updated the board on his office. He reported that the new spray truck is plumbed. Kenny said that he has been working on legal letters with the county attorney to mail out to landowners for failure to spray their noxious weeds. Commissioner Wolf asked Kenny what type of noxious weeds he is spraying this time of year. Kenny said musk thistle and bind weed. Commissioner Kay informed Commissioner Wolf that the email she sent Kenny last week during session was on the verge of an open meeting violation, according to Kansas Association of Counties, in which Commissioner Kay called. Kenny had forwarded the email to Commissioner Kay. Commissioner Wolf stated that she just asked him a question, and if she doesn't ask, then she doesn't learn what offices do. Commissioner Kay said that it should be addressed with all three commissioners and the department head present. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that the discussion between the commissioners should wait until the department head was gone.

Commissioner Brumbaugh addressed the email issue again, and the fact that Commissioner Kay goes all over the county discussing county business with individuals all the time, while the other two commissioners aren't present.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg said that the county attorney looked over the Agreement between the Secretary of Transportation, KDOT, and Ottawa County, Kansas, for the Local Road Safety Plan, and it was approved. The commissioners signed the agreement. Greg said that he declined signing up for the Cost Share program for now, as the county's share of the funding was not available. Greg said that he has six guys

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starting on the construction overflow pond at the landfill today. Greg discussed bidding on a couple of dump trucks. Greg, and a couple of guys, went to Topeka last week and looked at these trucks. They are trucks that have been used by the State at the turnpike, and they are in good condition. He has the money in his budget. The commissioners approved.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 46 and Ottawa County 7. Keith said that the sink disposal went out in the kitchen. He has one ordered. Keith reported that he was losing another correction officer. He asked about offering an incentive for working nights. Keith is to put something together and give to the commissioners next week. Keith updated the board on the jail remodeling project.

Joe Glassman, Glassman Corporation, met with the commissioners and gave them a generalized report and estimate of building upgrades and retrofit for the courthouse. Joe wanted to make clear that all information and pricing given at this time is at a discovery level. Joe asked for the commissioners to discuss where they want to start and let him know. In the meantime, Joe is going to get with his window vendor to put some options together and gather additional information. The group agreed the windows and the dedicated outdoor air system is most important.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.