

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
January 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, Kathy M. Luthi, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Pastor DeMerle Eckart opened the meeting in prayer, and Commissioner Brumbaugh led the group in the flag salute.

Dawn Wolf, First District Commissioner-Elect was present.

At 8:05 a.m., swearing-in of elected officials was done. Those being sworn in were Dawn Wolf, First District Commissioners, and Richard Buck, Ottawa County Attorney (Un-expired Term).

The commissioners held reorganization. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to nominate James P. Kay as Chairman of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners for 2019. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Kay moved to nominate Karen S. Brumbaugh as Vice-Chairman of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners for 2019. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to re-appoint the following department heads for their respective offices for 2019: Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator; Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator; Matt Dixon, Custodian; Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator; Samantha Davis, Museum Curator; and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to designate the following banks as the County's official depositories for 2019: Bennington State Bank, Minneapolis; Bennington State Bank, Bennington; Citizens State Bank, Minneapolis; Citizens State Bank, Delphos; and Bank of Tescott, Tescott. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to designate the following as the official county newspaper for 2019: Messenger Publishing Company. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Resolution 19-01 was signed, determining that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 12/31/19 be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a).

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:45 a.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 8:55 a.m. No decision was made.

The Annual Township Report of Grant and Logan Township was examined and confirmed by the Board of Commissioners.

Stuart Porter, Schwab-Eaton, and Greg Dockins, Interim-Road & Bridge Administrator, discussed the sewer project at the

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shop with the board. Stuart asked how the commissioners wished to proceed. It was decided to get a quote locally and see what the figures are. It was decided that Greg could start motor graders earlier in the morning, if needed for snow removal, with the operators then receiving overtime. Greg gave the commissioners a draft policy of the requirement for an employee being hired with no CDL. The commissioners gave him some revisions to make and return it next week. Greg gave the commissioners a Memorandum of Understanding from Flora Township in Dickinson County regarding maintenance of Granite Road between 290<sup>th</sup> Road and Solomon Road in Ottawa County, which Commissioner Kay signed.

Abatement's were approved.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 45, and Ottawa County 7. Keith has a vehicle that is going on Purple Wave Auction and asked if any other offices have anything to put on for auction. The county clerk will email the department heads to let them know.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, stopped in and visited with the commissioners about a couple of repairs that need to be done with the elevator. Matt discussed getting uniform shirts for his assistant. It would be lumped in with the Road & Bridge office, and then split out to his department. The county would pay a portion and the employee pays a share. The commissioners said they would like to research the cost first.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.