

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 6, 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 Kathy M. Luthi, Commissioner James P. Kay, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Brumbaugh opened the meeting with prayer and the flag salute.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, visited with the commissioners about replacing the revolving cabinet in her office. The custodian has offered to build a replacement for them to store tags, etc. The commissioners approved.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, visited with the board about a grant for housing through the North Central Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Kay moved to Opt Into the Kansas Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant Program for 2015. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, discussed a legal issue with the board. Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, joined the group. Jason went over an invoice with Marie on material that the county has not received, but has paid for. Marie said that fire index was at high/extreme. Marie is going to go call some fire chiefs to see what their recommendation would be.

Jason Rourke, RMA Engineering, met with the board to go over the results of the Niles Road Bridge rehabilitation bids. After RMA Engineering did the audit tabulation on the bids from last week, there was an error on L & M Contractors, Inc., of \$9,000. This error was to the county's favor, and RMA Engineering called L & M Contractors to see if they would stand by what the totals should have added up to of \$220,786.60, instead of \$229,786.60. L & M Contractors, Inc., said yes they would stand by the corrected total of \$220,786.60, which actually would be the lowest bid. Commissioner Kay moved to accept L & M Contractors, Inc. bid for \$220,786.60, subject to audit, for the Niles Road Bridge rehabilitation project. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kay moved to give a \$100 donation to the Delphos Museum. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Greg Wolf, stopped in and talked to the board about the burn ban. The commissioners said they are waiting for the Emergency Management Coordinator to check with the fire chiefs. Greg said that the farmers need to burn. He thought the commissioners should implement a \$10,000 fine for any fire that gets away. He said that what he needs to burn is pretty safe. He thinks the farmers take pretty good care of when they burn. The commissioners understood what he was saying, but they also have to look out for the general well-being of the

county. The commissioners said that tickets are being issued.

Russ Thornton, Undersheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 24, and Ottawa County 2. Russ gave the board a quote from All About Construction, for \$1,108, to have some concrete work done to the NW corner of the Detention Center. Commissioner Luthi moved to authorize the Sheriff's office to accept the quote from All About Construction for \$1,108, for the concrete work on the NW corner of the Detention Center. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, stopped back in and said that she has contacted most of the fire chiefs and they were all ok with lifting the burn ban, as long a close eye is kept on the fire index, and people call in if they are going to burn. Commissioner Luthi moved to let Resolution 15-04, burn ban, expire. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., the commissioners held a zoning hearing for Case #SU-001-2015, Applicant: The Land Institute/Scott Seirer, to establish Green Burial Cemetery, NW ¼ of NE ¼ of 31-12-01, SE corner intersection of Aspen and 245th Road. Those present were Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Crews, Heartland Green Burial Inc., Scott Seirer, and Tim Crews, The Land Institute, and Lillie Miller, A & A Farms. Commissioner Brumbaugh called agenda item SU 001-2015, an application for the establishment of a Green Burial Cemetery as a special use in A-1 Agriculture district. No board member disqualified themselves from discussing and voting on the case. The county clerk did not receive any protest petitions on the case. All board members received copies of the unapproved minutes of the Planning Board. The applicant and members of the public felt they had a fair and impartial hearing. Truette went through the zoning administrator's report, which is on file in the county clerk's office. The applicant had no further information but took questions from the board. There was no public comment. Commissioner Kay moved to adopt Resolution 15-05 approving the recommendation from the planning board for case SU 001-2015, to construct the Green Burial Cemetery. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners held a zoning hearing for Case SU 002-2015, Applicant Arland E Miller, to establish an air strip, NE ¼ of 36-12-03, 1762 Aspen Rd. Those present were Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, and Lillie Miller, A & A Farms. Commissioner Brumbaugh called agenda item SU 002-2015, an application for the establishment of an air strip as a special use in A-1 Agriculture district. No board member disqualified themselves from discussing and voting on the case. The county clerk did not receive any protest petitions on the case. All board members received copies of the unapproved minutes of the Planning Board. The applicant felt they had a fair and impartial hearing. Truette went through the zoning administrator's report, which is on file in the county clerk's office. The applicant did not have any further information. There was no public in attendance. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve Resolution 15-06, approving the recommendation from the planning board for case SU 002-2015, establishing a private air strip in the A-1 agriculture district in Ottawa County. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

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The minutes of April 6, 2015, were approved and signed.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.