

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
December 14, 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.

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

Vouchers were approved.

Abatement's were approved.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, brought in the details of the property tax abatement incentive that he left with them last week. He said the first thing, if approved by the commissioners, it will need to be sent to the Department of Revenue for clarification of what needs to be in place, and how it will be computed. The commissioners said they would like time to look at it, plus there are other offices to get involved that would actually have to implement the program.

The commissioners signed Resolution 15-19, pertaining to the transfer of scheduled available funds from O & L #1 Fire Department fund to the O & L #1 Fire Department Capital Outlay fund of \$6,500; Resolution 15-20, pertaining to the transfer of scheduled available funds from Fire Department #2 Minneapolis fund to the Fire Department #2 Capital Outlay fund of \$10,000; and Resolution 15-21, pertaining to the transfer of scheduled available funds from Fire Department #3 fund to the Fire Department #3 Capital Outlay fund of \$7,000.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, met with the board and at 9:00 a.m., sealed proposals for the replacement project for construction of one 100'-0 long by 26'-6 wide roadway bridge including materials, labor equipment, tools, along with appurtenances and accessories for the Delphos Southeast Bridge, which crosses Pipe Creek and is located 7 ½ miles east and 4 miles south of Delphos, or located on Rifle Road and is 2 miles east of Highway 81, Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, were opened. L & M Contractors, \$329,575; Norfolk Contracting Inc., \$291,799; and Reece Construction Co. Inc., \$341,744. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the proposal from Norfolk Contracting Inc., for bridge #P7-7, Hoesli Bridge, subject to engineer approval for \$291,799. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. John reported on what crews were doing. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the Ottawa County Highway Use Permit 22, for Twin Valley Telephone to do work on 190th Road and Rifle Road. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. John discussed end-of-year finances with the board. John said that the oil distributor needs to be worked on, and he would be sending it to Topeka. John requested raises for J.P. Alderson of .50, and Cameron Leonard of \$1.00. The commissioners said that they were not doing any more raises this year, and they have already determined raises for next year. After discussion, the commissioners decided they needed to

revisit the issue, for the year 2017, since budgets for 2016 have already been set. John gave the board information on a new copier he will leave with the board. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group, and discussed a legal issue in regards to a bridge in the county.

The commissioners signed the wage scales, and Resolution 15-22, elected officials salaries for 2016 that were approved last week.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, visited with the board about letters he initiated on behalf of zoning, for properties that have salvage yards on them. Truette discussed the proposed tax incentive plan that Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director has presented to them. Truette went over year-end finances with the board.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 30 and Ottawa County 3. Keith reported that with the new telephone system, and with Next-Generation 911 system, and new recorder system will need to be purchased. The recorder system needed to be updated anyway, which did not come through on a previous grant. He had a quote for \$63,900 from Voice Products, Inc. The funds to pay for the purchase will be split between his sheriff's budget, law enforcement center budget, and 911 fund.

Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the resignation from Kris Nelson as Stanton Township Treasurer, effective immediately. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners met with the representatives from the City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, Ottawa County Fair Board, and Carnival committee. Those present were Brian Kindall, Sheldon Daugherty, Les Johns, Phil Aumick, Gary Kay, Dave Sweat, Roger Reed, and Tania Daugherty. Others present were Casey Rupert and Anthony Ruiz, Ottawa County Extension Agent. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked if Phil wanted to start the meeting, and he said the Recreation Commission wanted the meeting before any more carnival rides are put at the ballfield. Brian said the entities need to know the plan first. Roger said their plan was to put the ferris wheel up on the back side of the building where the games are, south side, facing east and west. There would be a permanent fence. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked if there were any objections to the carnival committee putting the ferris wheel up permanently at the ballfield. Les said yes, that it is too crowded. Brian said that the carnival benefits the fair, and it doesn't benefit the Recreation Commission. Brian said that there just isn't enough land. Brian said there hasn't been enough communication this last year with the carnival committee coming to the other entities to make sure everyone is on the same page. Dave said that he couldn't think of any concerns at this time. Sheldon thought the carnival committee should have communicated with the other entities before buying the ferris wheel. Phil said that the opportunity to purchase the rides happens quickly. Les thought the carnival items were preventing an eye sore, and Dave said he really didn't think so. Les said that the Rupert family is wanting to do a memorial for their father, Dave, and that they didn't want the

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memorial up with all the permanent rides there by the field. The group discussed possible other locations for purchase, or moving the carnival rides and games to another location, maybe to the south where the arena is. Casey Rupert said that he was present to listen, as his family was wanting to put up a crow's nest/storage behind home plate on the north field. He said where they were wanting to put the ferris wheel is in line of sight with the batter and the pitcher. After much discussion and opinions, it was decided to get the area staked out, and the annual meeting usually in February is going to be January 11, 2016.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.