

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

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting in the flag salute and prayer.

Karen Brumbaugh, County Commissioner-Elect District 3, was an observer.

Vouchers were approved.

At 8:15 a.m. the commissioners held an amended budget hearing for the Ottawa 911 Fund. The amended budget was to allow expenditures from this fund for 2012, as it is a new fund. Commissioner McGavran moved to accept the amended budget for Ottawa 911 fund for 2012. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Bronson Farmer, Saline County Sanitarian, visited with the commissioners on the proposed LEPP agreement. He explained the renewal agreement, which the commissioners signed.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 14, Ottawa County 1, City of Minneapolis 1, Cloud County 1, and Saline County 3. Keith reported on employee matters.

The commissioners approved addeds and abatements.

Kenny Wilcox, Road Foreman, and Allen Brown, reported on what crews were doing. Mary Thrower joined the group. Kenny gave the commissioners information on annual bridge inspections. Commissioner Luthi asked Kenny to let John know to make up a three and five year plan on the bridges and present back to them. Mary Thrower explained if it snowed and they closed the Pieschl Bridge, she wouldn't have a way out.

Virginia Hoover, City of Minneapolis Mayor, brought back the research the

commissioners asked her do on the Rock City signage matter. Virginia said she is still asking the commissioners to pay 1/3 of the cost of whatever is done. Virginia said that about 80% of the Rock City board was in favor of it. The commissioners felt they wanted to wait to see what Rock City was going to do. Commissioner Kay moved to commit 1/6 of the sign rental payments for three years. Commissioner Luthi seconded. In discussion, the commissioners wanted funding commitment from Rock City. Motion carried.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Warren Ediger, architect, met with the board on the noxious weed building. Kenny had contacted 5 different companies. He shared all the options from each company. Commissioner Kay moved to reject the last two bids received from Harbin Construction and Ponton Construction. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners instructed Kenny to get with the county attorney-elect to see how they should proceed forward with the options they have in front of them now and questions.

Commissioner Kay moved to give .25 cent raise per hour for hourly employees beginning the pay period of January, 2013, and then an additional .25 cent per employee that the department head can distribute when they see fit during the 2013 year. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kay moved to give a .50 cent raise per hour for elected and appointed department heads beginning the pay period of January 2013. In discussion, the commissioners salary will not change for 2013. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Parks, County Attorney-Elect, stopped in to see if the commissioners needed anything. Jason asked about upgrading computers and it was decided to go ahead and get the items this year.

The minutes of December 10, 2012, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.