

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
December 12, 2016

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

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

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting in prayer, then led the group in the flag salute.

Added's and abatements were approved.

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept the resignation of Chas Hauck from the Minneapolis Fire Department #2 board. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Chris Plush, and Chris Kiefer to the Minneapolis Fire Department #2 board. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept the resignation of Jim Klein from the Sheridan Township Trustee position, as he holds the Sheridan Township Clerk position. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Gerry Merry to the Sheridan Township Trustee position. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:02 a.m. for five minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Jason Parks, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:07 a.m. No decision was made.

Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, stopped in and visited with the commissioners about the tax statement she got at the hospital for the landfill fees. The tax statement shows Ottawa County as owner, and she feels that her auditor's will look at it and say that it isn't their bill to pay. It was decided to abate the bill from the tax roll, and send a separate bill to the Ottawa County Health Center for the landfill fees. Jody reported on the Ottawa County Property Management LLC. They are the entity that owns the clinic. At the last City of Minneapolis council meeting, they agreed to take the property in exchange for the demolition of the ambulance garage. The deed has been drawn up and Jody will take to the City Administrator. The Ottawa County Property Management LLC will dissolve as of 12/31/16. Jody then discussed the Health Planning Commission. This entity is defuncted. She said that 6 of the 9 board members have voted to dissolve the entity as of 12/31/16. She has researched keeping it open, and it already has been forfeited. It was her recommendation to go with the majority of the board to dissolve. The commissioners agreed.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, visited with the commissioners on a legal issue. Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, joined the group. Jason went over the legal issue with Shannon. It was decided to pay the outstanding bill. Shannon asked at what level the commissioners and Jason want to see contracts. Jason said he wanted to see them if it involves a continuing binding agreement. Shannon reported on what crews were doing. Shannon discussed the Christmas party at the shop with the commissioners to make sure it was still fine to have the party. What the party day entails was discussed. Shannon updated the commissioners on employee CDL training.

Paula Baccus, Extension Office, stopped in and discussed the custodian's retirement with the board.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 45, Sedgwick County 2, and Ottawa County 3. Keith gave the commissioners a Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement Among the Cities and Counties of the North Central Kansas Homeland Security Region; Creating the Multi-Jurisdiction Special Response Team, for them to sign. Keith reported on repairs.

Commissioner Kay moved to pass Resolution 16-25, pertaining to leasing the 2016 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from BSB Leasing, Inc. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept Shannon Luthi's resignation as Ottawa Township Treasurer, effective immediately. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Roger Masenthin, Rod Frack, and Shawn Sherraden, NRCS, Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, and Roger Welchel and Nathan Welchel met with the commissioners and discussed the May 25, 2016, tornado. Shawn explained and showed on maps where there is debris, relating to county bridges and roads. This project has funding approval of \$87,750 for the Ottawa County EWP-Tornado Debris removal, with a total estimate of \$117,000. The county's match, if accepted, would be \$29,250. Mr. Welchel is a tenant, and discussed approval for access to get on the land that is needed. Mr. Welchel said the landowner is concerned about damage to crops from the contractor in the process of the project, and the burning of the debris. Shawn and Roger Masenthin explained how the funding worked, and who paid for what. After having questions answered, Mr. Welchel will visit with the landowner, who lives in Florida, and get back with the county. It was decided to move forward with what NRCS needs to do, and the county will have the county attorney start reviewing the documents. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group and went over the documents.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve a .50 cent raise for employees, effective December 25, 2016, (first payroll of 2017). Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Pay schedules were signed and Resolution 16-26, pertaining to elected official's salaries was signed with the .50 increase.

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With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.