

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

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in the flag salute, and prayer.

Abatement's were approved.

Vouchers and payroll were approved.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Election Officer, visited with the commissioners on the replacement of the county's election machines. The paper ballot machines are 13-14 years old and most of the machines are in need of repair, and the ADA compliant machines are freezing up and the calibration on the machines are not holding throughout elections. They are over 7 years old. The group saw a demonstration last week of the Unisyn Voting Solutions election machines from Henry M Adkins & Son, Inc. Mary recommended to the board to go ahead and purchase the machines, for \$58,120. Henry Adkins & Son, Inc., will provide financing, interest free, for three years. Mary said that there are funds in the Election Capital Outlay fund, for a down payment of \$25,000, and funds left-over to build on for other payments. Commissioner Luthi moved to purchase 8 paper ballot machines, and 7 ADA compliant machines, the software license, third party software license, and training for \$58,120. This price also includes trade-in of existing election equipment and a purchaser discount. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, came in and gave the commissioners a contract he had looked over for the Tri-Rivers Local Environmental Grant, which was fine, and the commissioners signed. Jason had questions on the other contracts in regards to the landfill. The commissioners talked to Jason about the conceal carry law. It was decided to take down the 'no guns' signs on the front doors of all the county buildings, except the courthouse and jail, which have had a 4-year exemption filed.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the

commissioners the Federal Fund Exchange request for reimbursement, for a bridge on Aspen Road, which the commissioners signed. The commissioners informed John to take down the 'no guns' sign at the shop.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 3, and Cloud County 1. Keith reported on repair work started at the jail.

The minutes of December 30, 2013, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.