

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.

Jeremiah Popelka, AFLAC representative, stopped in and updated the commissioners on policies available.

Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, stopped in and recommended that the commissioners appoint Bob Minneman to the Health Board to replace Ralph Meyer. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the resignation from the hospital board of Ralph Meyer, as of the end of 2013. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Bob Minneman to replace Ralph Meyer's unexpired term. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held a road hearing to determine if the following road could be vacated: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Section Thirty (30), Township Eleven South (11S), Range Three West (3W) of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas; thence westerly along the South Line of said Section 30 to the Southwest Corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E ½ SE ¼) of said Section 30; thence northerly along the West Line of said East Half and continuing northerly along the West Line of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E ½ NE ¼), 3511 feet, terminating at the southern end of the portion of this road which was closed in 1992, full width of public right-of-way to be vacated. No one was present. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to vacate the above described road. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 13-35 was signed.

At 8:45 a.m., the commissioners held a road hearing to determine if the following road could be vacated: That portion of the road as originally opened in 1875 and recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 326, which lays along the full length of the West Section Line of Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Twelve South (T12S), Range Four West (R4W) of the 6th P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas; AND the revised location as recorded in

Road Record Book E, Page 107 described as follows: Commencing 60 rods south of the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter (NW/c SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Twelve South (T12S), Range Four West (R4W) of the 6th P.M. and following the River eastbound about 55 rods; thence southwest to about 4 rods of the Southwest Corner of the said SW 1/4 on the County Line at the County Bridge, said road being 40 feet in width, intent being to vacate all of the public right-of-way lying along and near to the West Line of said Section 36. Those present were Kenneth and Loren Berndt, and Jerry Gotti. Kenneth Berndt asked for verification of the legal as it pertains to the east side of his land. He wondered about the footage. Going back to the original record, it didn't say, but at the road and bridge office, the footage indicated a width of 40' right-of-way. Kenneth also reported that there is drainage issue on the road. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to vacate the above described road. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 13-36 was signed.

Added's and abatement's were approved.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, and Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment, met with the board. John gave the commissioners the proposal for the purchase of two motorgraders. The commissioners signed the agreements to purchase one 2013 and one 2014 Caterpillar motorgraders, \$506,400, less \$260,000 trade-in of two units, for a final price of \$246,400. John reported on what crews were doing. John gave the board a request to bury power lines with Victor Steffen. John will get a copy of Mr. Steffen's proof of liability insurance coverage, before the board signs the agreement.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, gave the commissioners an update on the insurance information they requested. Randy reported that the health insurance premiums reduced 8% for the 2014 insurance year. Commissioner Luthi moved to renew the county's self-funded plan with a \$35,000 stop loss for the 2014 year. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 8, Cloud County 1, and Saline County 3. Keith discussed inmate contracts with the board.

Todd Heitschmidt, Court Administrator, and Jason Parks, County Attorney, visited with the board on the conceal carry law. Sara Thompson, Clerk of the District Court was also present. Todd gave the board the Notice of Four Year Exemption that will go to the Attorney General's office. He also had a form that will go out to the Attorney General, Sheriff, and Minneapolis Chief of Police, stating that all officers know that the Courthouse will be a restricted building for the next four years. Todd gave the commissioners a draft of the security plan.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, visited with the board on their work week, as they are still on the 10 hour day, 4 day a week. Kenny wanted their opinion on staying on that schedule throughout the year. The commissioners will discuss it and let him know. The commissioners asked Kenny to clean the walks at the Museum when it snows.

Dave Hardesty, Landfill Operator, reported to the commissioners that the truck they have the scales on, is going to be at the landfill from now on. It won't be readily available, but could still be used occasionally to scale. Dave asked about an increase in the operator fees, as it hasn't been raised since June 2008. He asked for an additional \$2,000 per month. The commissioners will discuss it.

The commissioners attended the county holiday dinner and presented service awards.

The minutes of December 16, 2013, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.