

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
November 18, 2019

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

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the commissioners a 2019 Levy sheet that she has completed. She gave the board a new Lease-Purchase Agreement from BSB Capital Inc., for the two-2019 Caterpillar motor graders, to sign as the one they signed November 4, 2019 had wrong installment payment dates on it. The commissioners signed the revised Lease-Purchase Agreement. Mary gave the certificates for the service awards to the board to sign. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for fifteen minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:25 a.m. No decision was made.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, and Judith Swagerty, Secretary for the Council on Aging, met with the commissioners and Sara updated the board on what has been going on in her office. Judith was present to give the commissioners recommendations to the vacant positions in Ottawa County to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging board. She recommended Kathryn Paige of Delphos to serve a two-year term, January 2020-December 2021. and Sara Hodges, until a person could be found for that term. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to appoint Kathryn Paige to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board for a two-year term of January 2020-December 2021. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to appoint Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board for a two-year term of January 2020-December 2021. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session for ten minutes at 8:53 a.m. for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, and Judith Swagerty, Bennington. They returned to regular session at 9:03 a.m. Judith will pull information together and send to Mary.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg updated the commissioners on projects completed and ones near completion.

Amanda Loughridge, Aging Transportation Coordinator, visited with the commissioners on the Application for Financial Assistance Transportation Programs grant for 7/1/2020-6/30/2021, General Public grant. Ottawa County's match will be \$44,250.40, for a new bus. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the grant Application for Financial Assistance for Ottawa County Transportation, for a total of \$169,168.00, with Ottawa County's match of funds \$44,250.40. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 48, and Ottawa County 4.

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JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, gave the commissioners the October bank reconciliation.

Brian Kindall, Ottawa County Fair Board, brought up a floor plan for the north restroom renovations at the fairgrounds. There has been a total of \$72,500 in grant funds so far that have been received, and there are other entities that will be involved in funding. Brian said that there are also other grants that he will apply for also. Brian asked the procedures that the county requires for bid seeking. The commissioners told him that he needs to make sure the same specifications are given out to each bidder, and the bids need to be sealed up when they are returned. Brian will work on putting specifications together.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, the county's representative for employee health/dental insurance, met with the commissioners and visited on renewal rates. Randy talked on ongoing expensive prescriptions that some employees are on that is causing a large portion of the renewal increase, which is 26%. Note: the county has not had a premium increase for 5 years. It was decided to keep everything the same on the health side, with the exception of lowering the stop loss amount from \$40,000 to \$30,000, which does not affect the employee at all. Randy is going to check on dental rates and get back with the commissioners.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.