

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
November 25, 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 the dental information from Randy Dick, county's health insurance representative. The commissioners placed a call to Randy Dick, and he will provide more detailed information for dental this week and have it for the commissioners to review next week. Mary gave the commissioners a solid waste exemption from James E & Karen K McClain Marital Trust for 104 W Benedict Ln, Bennington. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to exempt the parcel at 104 W Benedict Ln, Bennington, as it is a vacant lot now. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Brandon Cochran, Bennington EMS and Randy Gruber, Bennington Fire Department, visited with the board on the EMS and Fire Department consolidated process. Brandon brought the Standard Operating Procedures for the EMS personnel which follows the same as the Fire Department, everyone is treated the same. Brandon said that they are under the understanding that there is some confusion on whether or not the EMS is covered under worker's compensation with the county, like the fireman are. After discussion, the commissioners said they would get with the county counselor later this morning, and then place a call to the county's worker's compensation company. Randy discussed the additional solid waste fee on the Baptist Church, Minneapolis, parcel. Commissioner Kay will take Randy a form for a possible exemption on the parcel.

Vouchers were approved.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners proposals for Biennial Bridge Inspections for 2020. Schwab-Eaton, \$75 per bridge; BG Consultants, \$92 per bridge; and Kirkham Michael, \$90 per bridge. Dates need to be corrected on Schwab-Eaton's proposal before any decision is made. Greg will get with Schwab-Eaton for a new proposal.

Glen and Songie McCall, Minneapolis, visited with the commissioners on places on Coronado and 120<sup>th</sup> Roads. The first issue she discussed, was they have hired someone to clean-out trees in a pasture. The person they hired wants to redo the entrance to the field as there is about a 100' drop and the person can't get his equipment in the field to remove the trees. The second place she discussed, same road, there is a culvert where there is dirt piled so high nothing goes in the culvert. The third place she discussed is the field entrance for their field that they have cropland planted, there is a culvert that needs fixed. Songie asked if there could be communication with the motor grader on these issues. Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, was also present. Greg said that he would go look at the places she discussed and call her.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented the Fort Riley to Smoky Hill Unmanned Aircraft System Corridor draft study, and the recommendations for Ottawa County. Doug discussed grant funding deadlines, for help with the recommendations for the corridor to exist. The commissioners will review the study

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Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Saline County 43 and Ottawa County 4. Keith said that he met with Randy Flowers, Loyd Builders, jail remodeling contractor. Keith went over a list of items with him that still needed addressed. One of the vendors is not communicating with Randy. Keith updated the commissioners on a patrol vehicle he was/is having trouble with.

Commissioner Wolf moved to accept Eldon Clark to the Board of the Ottawa County Historical Museum. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Jacob Hurla, Community Building Solutions, reported back to the commissioners, after the walk-through he did in the courthouse several months ago, and his recommendations and estimated costs to do the improvements. The commissioners will continue to study the documents Jacob provided.

Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the addition of a Sturdi-bilt storage building at the fairgrounds as requested by the Minneapolis Recreation Commission. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

After placing a telephone call to Dortha Bird, KWORCC, the county's worker's compensation company, Commissioner Wolf moved to include Bennington EMS personnel under the County's worker's compensation policy, since the merger of the EMS to the Bennington Fire Department #4, effective immediately, with training documents provided to the county commissioners annually, by October 1, of every year, to be covered for the following year. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.