

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

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

The official minutes of December 19, 2011, were approved and signed.

Payroll and vouchers were approved.

Abatement's were approved.

At 8:00 a.m., the commissioners held easement hearings for the Lakeview and Additions to clean up legal descriptions on previous vacations. Those present were Kent Carlson, Peggy and Ralph Krummen, Don Mutschler, Cheryl and Joe Watkins, and David and Matthew Atkinson. Betty Mick, County Attorney, said that she has made some changes to the ones that she already showed the commissioners. She said that there are more errors that she knew about, once the landowners have gone through the legals. Betty said that there needs to be more time taken to make sure everything is correct. Don Mutschler explained his terminology on the boundaries. After much discussion, Betty will continue working on the project, and the commissioners will go view the property.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Administrator, came in and reported that she is having to repair the bus again with various things. She has talked to KDOT, and they were not aware of any vehicles they can bring in. She contacted OCCK, and they have a vehicle she can have for no charge. KDOT has agreed to take the county's out of service and put the one from OCCK in service. The commissioners approved. Sandy said that she is working on getting the employee wellness program set-up. Sandy asked if the commissioners wanted the insurance committee to keep meeting and the direction to go. The commissioners said yes, maybe once a quarter.

At 9:30 a.m., the commissioners held a couple zoning hearings. Bobby Campbell, US Cellular was present. Truette McQueen, County Zoning Administrator, presented an application for a special use 002-2011 for a cellular tower, on property located in the NE ¼ of Section 8 Township 9 Range 4 at 2281 N 80th Rd, on property owned by Herb

Crosson Trust. There was no opposition, and the zoning board recommended unanimously to recommend approval by the Board of Commissioners, with 18 recommended conditions. Truette visited with John Copple, Highway Administrator, about the gravel on the road. He saw no problem. A portion of the county road is already graveled, and Mr. Campbell said that if they needed to go further than the gravel, it would be taken care of. Commissioner Luthi moved to agree to sign the special use resolution once it's drawn up. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. The next hearing was on Clay County Rural Water District #2, variance setback, BAZ-V-001-2011. A request for a variance from setback rules on land owned by Justin and Natasha Newell. This site is located at 2982 Oxbow Rd, Longford, Ks., and the area is zoned A-1 agricultural. The site already has electrical boxes under a roof structure that is 8' from the road. The water district is requesting to build an 8' x 10' building over the electrical boxes, and they don't want to move the boxes back to the 35' line because of expenses. The zoning board recommended to recommend approval by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner McGavran moved to approve the variance, BAZ-V-001-2011 as recommended by the zoning board. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners signed Resolution 11-33, approving a special use to establish a communications facility/cell tower in the A-1 agriculture district in Ottawa County.

Commissioner Luthi moved to pass Resolution 11-32, entering into a lease agreement with BSB Leasing for a 2010 Model S330 Bobcat skid-steer loader. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners signed the Tri-Rivers Local Environment Grant Cooperation. With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.