

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
November 23, 2020

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, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Rick Shupe was an observer. D. D. Malmberg, Third District Commissioner-Elect, was present.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board the minutes from November 16, 2020. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the November 16, 2020, minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept Angel Haney's resignation as Grant Township Treasurer, effective immediately. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0. Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Tiffany Huser as Grant Township Treasurer. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

The commissioners discussed the Governor's new Executive Order No. 20-68 relating to the wearing of face masks and social distancing statewide. Richard Buck, County Attorney was present. Richard went through what the commissioners have done prior, and what the commissioner's options are now. Richard has drafted two Resolutions which he went over with the board. Commissioner Kay moved to accept Resolution 20-25, Resolution Requiring the Wearing of Masks or Other Face Coverings and Social Distancing in Public Places, which shall be reviewed by the Commission on December 7, 2020, and every two weeks thereafter. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Owen Kindall, and Kimberly Bird, stopped in and the commissioners asked if they have officially organized their organization. Owen said that without really knowing how funding was going to be put in place, they had not proceeded with official organization. The commissioners verbally gave their pledge to support them with the county funds budgeted in the Economic Development budget. Once they have some information in place, they will meet back with the commissioners.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, Chris Smith, Road & Bridge Assistant Administrator, Sharon Flegler, Concord Township Treasurer, and Sheldon Daugherty met with the commissioners, and Greg gave the commissioners the proposition for 135<sup>th</sup> Road that he had come up with. The proposition would be each homeowner that resides on 135<sup>th</sup> Rd between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and 106 state highway will contribute \$1,000 towards the cost of rock placement on this section of road. After all residents have met their share of costs, the county will annex the road and include it as part of the county's entity as well as take full responsibility of the maintenance and future costs of repair. All residents must agree and participate in the rock costs for this proposal to move forward. Commissioner Wolf had a couple of suggestions. Sheldon said that the landowners that live on 135<sup>th</sup> Road met last Friday night. Sheldon gave the history of what the landowners have done and prior meetings with Road & Bridge personnel. After much discussion, Commissioner Wolf wanted to do her own research. Sheldon said that the consensus in their group is they will not pay the \$1,000. Greg reported on what crews were doing. Greg reported that Thomas Zorn has been hired back and wanted to start him at \$14.00. Commissioner Kay moved to start Thomas Zorn at \$14.00, since he has been a previous employee. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, reported on year-to-date chemical sales. He went over his budget with the commissioners, and the revenue he has collected in excess of what his budget is. Kenny proposed purchasing additional chemical with the excess revenue to start the new year off with. Kenny said that they are done spraying for the year. Kenny said that the City of Culver has asked him to do sign replacement for the City. He said there are approximately 50 signs, and he has come up with costs of \$41.24 per sign. The costs are straight costs, the county would not make anything. Kenny said that he did not know if they expected them to install them, but he did not think so. The commissioners approved. Kenny discussed meetings with the commissioners.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, gave the board the renewal contract from Kimble Mapping Inc., for GIS Services for 2021 for, \$11,400.00. The amount is the same as this year. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the 2021 GIS contract with Kimble Mapping Inc., for \$11,400. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 28, Sedgwick County 11, and Ottawa County 2. Keith reported that he had another correction officer that was quitting. Keith gave the commissioners the documentation on the employees that missed the mandatory harassment training several months ago.

At 10:10 a.m., the commissioners held a department head meeting. Those present were Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, Josh Brown, Custodian, Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Keith Coleman, County Sheriff, JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Chris Smith, Assistant Road & Bridge Administrator, Marilyn Heck, County Register of Deeds, Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, Samantha Davis, Museum Curator, Erin Kearn, Clerk of the District Court, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. The commissioners addressed Resolution 20-25 they passed earlier in the morning, regarding the wearing of face masks or other face coverings and social distancing in public spaces.

Commissioner Kay moved to approve Disposal of Dilapidated Housing Application Number 39 for Leslie Hargis at ½ mile north of 10<sup>th</sup>/110<sup>th</sup> Road. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-0