

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
March 8, 2021

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 Scott Mortimer, Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board the minutes from March 1, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the March 1, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board abatements to review and approve. Mary gave the board the February Budget Activity Report. She gave the commissioners a letter from Mary Stirn, Henry Township Treasurer, resigning her position effective February 26, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to accept the resignation from Mary Stirn, Henry Township Treasurer, effective February 26, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary reported that the county appraiser asked her to present to the commissioners that Joshua Hulse has agreed to be on the zoning board to replace Connie Preheim. Commissioner Malmberg moved to replace Connie Preheim with Joshua Hulse on the Ottawa County Zoning Board. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, came in and gave the board a Resolution Exempting Ottawa County from Executive Order 20-68 Issued by the Governor of Kansas on November 18, 2020, and Repealing Ottawa County Resolution 20-25. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve Resolution 21-06, Exempting Ottawa County from Executive Order 20-68 Issued by the Governor of Kansas on November 18, 2020, and Repealing Ottawa County Resolution 20-25. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, brought in the SPARK funding monthly report for the commissioners to review and sign. Josh Brown, Custodian, was present also. Commissioner Wolf thanked Josh for what he does for the courthouse. Commissioner Wolf did not feel they gave him much direction on the job when he took over. Marie gave the commissioners a General Maintenance checklist for the Custodial office. Josh said that his office is just going to have to work on the checklist on the day-to-day schedule to see how it is going to work. He thinks that it will be hard to meet the goals on some days but wanted to see first before anything is tweaked.

Prisoner count was reported at Saline County 31, and Ottawa County 5.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the board an email from Lynda Johnson about widening the road on each side of 170th Road from K-18 Highway to Saline County. Greg reported on the interviews he conducted last week for the Drainage Ditch position. He has an applicant that he will be offering the job to. The commissioners reported on the positive telephone calls they have received regarding tree trimming the crews are doing. Greg reported on what he has found out on the internet at the county shop. Greg asked the board what they wanted to do about mowing. They are needing to upgrade a mower and tractor. Greg will seek sealed bids for the mower and tractor. Hiring seasonal help to mow was discussed, along with hiring farmers to mow.

Commissioner Mortimer emailed items to Commissioner Wolf from Owen Kindall.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, came in and the commissioners went over the information Emily Benedick, North Central Regional Planning Commission discussed with them last week on the unmanned aircraft corridor through Ottawa County. Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, joined the group. Truette gave his thoughts on putting their request in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Regulations. Truette wanted to further look into the matter. Richard and the commissioners discussed getting the job description and ad posted for the Human Resource position.

Commissioner Wolf forwarded an email on to Commissioner Mortimer and Commissioner Malmberg from Anel Minneman.

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Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session at 11:16 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 11:26 a.m. No decision was made.

The commissioners signed the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report that Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator presented last week.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.