

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 3, 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, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Gary Allen Smith, Commissioner District #2 candidate, was an observer, beginning at 7:57 a.m.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board minutes to review from July 27, 2020. After corrections were made, Commissioner Kay moved to approve the minutes of July 27, 2020. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners a resolution from the county attorney to review, correcting an error in the penalty section of #11, of original Resolution 16-24, Resolution Pertaining to Open Burning in Ottawa County, Kansas. Commissioner Wolf moved to pass the correction of Resolution 16-24, correcting the penalty in section #11. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

D.D. Koster Malmberg, Commissioner District #3 candidate, was an observer, beginning at 8:11 a.m.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, SPARK committee, gave the commissioners the contract with North Central Regional Planning Commission, for the SPARK Administration. After review, Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the signing of the Ottawa County SPARK Administration Agreement with North Central Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie said that the commissioners need to change the county point of contact information from Richard Buck, Primary and Marie Ballou, Secondary, to Marie Ballou, Primary and Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Secondary. Commissioner Wolf moved to change the point of contact for the SPARK funding to Marie Ballou, Primary and Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission, Secondary, from Richard Buck, Primary and Marie Ballou, Secondary. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie said that the commissioners also need to officially appoint an individual to be the authorized signer for documents pertaining to SPARK funding. Commissioner Wolf moved to authorize Karen Brumbaugh, Chairman Ottawa County Commissioners, as the authorized signer for documents for SPARK funding. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie said next week they would be bringing up the Memorandum of Understanding's for the commissioners to sign from USD 239 and USD 240, Ottawa County Health Center, and City of Minneapolis.

Clint Crampton was an observer beginning at 8:59 a.m.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. The commissioners reported to Greg that they received a telephone call from one of the road and bridge employees about the raises that some of the employees received.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Saline County 38 and Ottawa County 2. Keith reported on the status of deputy sheriff applications. He also said he is thinking of adding another dispatcher position, as he has an applicant for a dispatcher. It will help with overtime, and when someone needs to be off work.

Jason Parks, USD 239 Board Member, stopped in and gave the commissioners an update on the procedures for students and teachers when school starts regarding COVID-19 regulations. School board members will be meeting with the commissioners next week. The commissioners said that their position will be to not do anything. Richard Buck, County Attorney, was present, and said that the attorney general will be rendering an opinion sometime this week on whether the school board has home rule on this subject. Jason then discussed his appointment as 28th Judicial District Magistrate Judge, effective August 18, 2020. That is the day he will be sworn in. He will go off the school board effective August 17, 2020.

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With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.