

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 19, 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 April 12, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the April 12, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board an abatement to review and approve. Mary reported to the board that she received an email from Jeff Reece, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chtd., county auditor, saying the county can move forward with the appropriation for the Ottawa County Community Development Foundation. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the appropriation of \$41,000 from the Economic Development fund for 2021 to the Ottawa County Community Development Foundation. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

At 8:04 a.m. the commissioners held a public comment with Mike and Jacquelyn Farley regarding the National Heritage meeting held a couple of weeks ago at Vesper. They gave the commissioners the signed paperwork from the Farley's and their son, that was given out at the meeting. The commissioners said that they were working on the matter and would be passing a resolution when the county attorney had it ready.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, was an observer.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected employee. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Katrina Pollet, Human Resources. They returned to regular session at 8:20 a.m. No decision was made.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, brought in the March bank reconciliation.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, brought in draft resolutions for the commissioners to review in regard to Opposing 49-County National Heritage Area Designation and A Resolution to Preserve and Defend the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

The commissioners discussed the proposed meat slaughter plant going in at the old racetrack.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported to the board that the 2019 FEMA has gotten approved, and a check should be here in 2-3 weeks. Marie gave the commissioners a spreadsheet of what each township will receive, which is 85% of what was turned in. Bennington Township, \$14,266.73; Blaine Township, \$18,663.45; Buckeye Township, \$26,898.13; Center Township, \$9,629.41; Chapman Township, \$5,161.20; Concord Township, \$0; Culver Township, \$31,065.56; Durham Township, \$9,012.35; Fountain Township, \$30,077.77; Garfield Township, \$21,600.16; Grant Township, \$8,087.19; Henry Township, \$14,262.59; Lincoln Township, \$11,100.26; Logan Township, \$10,438.79; Morton Township, \$7,494.24; Ottawa Township, \$3,622.57; Richland Township, \$22,391.04; Sheridan Township, \$7,436.04; Sherman Township, \$16,411.61; Stanton Township, \$0. Concord and Stanton Townships were the only ones that did not apply. Marie gave the board a quote from Ka-Comm Inc., for a new radio for her new vehicle. The quote is for \$1,201.18. The commissioners approved. Marie said that when the courthouse was re-IP addressed on Friday, that the cameras were not working now. R & L Securities will be here this week to fix them.

For public comment, Sharon Flegler and Jim Struble, Concord Township Officers, were present and Sharon reported that in response to what was discussed about Concord Township not applying for any FEMA funds, there were no roads that needed to have material put on them. Jim and Sharon discussed 135th Road and Granite Road. They did not know what the commissioners had in mind, but

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Concord Township committed \$5,000 a year for reimbursement back to the county for the labor the county does on the road. The commissioners said they would let Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator know.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners an email from KDOT, on the information that was submitted on the commissioners Selection Committee Report for bridge project 7 C-4991-01. The commissioners visited with Greg about 135th Road and Granite Road and the commitment with Concord Township. Greg said that is already how they handle it.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, gave the commissioners thank you notes to sign for her to give out Wednesday for Administrative Assistants Day on behalf of the commissioners.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 22, Sedgwick County 8, and Ottawa County 3. Keith reported that the roof replacement at the jail was almost complete except for the metal caps.

Commissioner Wolf forwarded an email to the other commissioners, which was a report from Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to pass Resolution 21-12, Opposing 49-County National Heritage Area Designation. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to pass Resolution 21-13, A Resolution to Preserve and Defend the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, stopped in and Commissioner Mortimer said that he had someone ask him if the county had Neighborhood Revitalization. Truette said the county does not except for at the West Industrial site. The City of Minneapolis along with USD #239 has it for property within the City of Minneapolis limits. Truette explained how it worked.

The commissioners held a zoom meeting with Scott Sproul, Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center, Inc. Commissioner Wolf sent Commissioner Malmberg via email the link for the zoom meeting. Others present were Owen Kindall, Ottawa County Community Development Foundation, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. Mr. Sproul discussed the next round of SPARK funding the county would be receiving and the different infrastructures that it might be used for.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, and Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, met with the board to discuss having the Treasurers office open through the lunch hour. Katrina went through Section 9, Working Hours, in the Ottawa County Employee Handbook. After discussion, Commissioner Malmberg moved to change Section 9, Working Hours in the Ottawa County Employee Handbook, to say that the Treasurers office will be open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., remaining open through the lunch hour, effective today, 4/19/2021. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Katrina discussed open enrollments for KPERS, Family Heritage, AFLAC, and insurance. She would like to try when the open enrollments come up to have a day from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., for any employee, with spouse, to be able to come in and meet with the representatives. Because it would be over the lunch hour, lunch would be provided. The commissioners approved the request. Katrina would like to start having department head meetings, in which elected officials could attend also, on a regular basis. She would like to work with Emergency Management on a county facebook page. The commissioners approved all the requests.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 10:55 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners. They returned to regular session at

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11:00 a.m. No decision was made.

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With no further business before the board, Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.