

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
March 15, 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 8, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the March 8, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the Annual Township report from Henry Township to review. Mary gave the board vouchers to review and approve.

Kim Winsett, Deputy County Appraiser, stopped in and visited with the commissioners about switching the IP addresses of courthouse devices. It will happen in April sometime, and will take approximately 8 hours to complete. LockIt Technologies will be doing the work, and said that offices would need to shut down from their computers/internet around 4:00 p.m. on the day they will be here to begin the work. The commissioners approved.

John Carson, Bennington, was an observer.

JoDee Cople, County Treasurer, brought in the February bank reconciliation for the commissioners to review. JoDee asked the commissioners about being open during the lunch hour. JoDee went through what she thought her schedule would be for her office. She said that the Appraiser's office was the only other office that wanted to do it. Kim Winsett, Deputy County Appraiser, joined the group. Kim went over what she thought their schedule would be. The commissioners did not want this to create overtime in any office. The commissioners will have the County Attorney make a policy on those offices to make it official.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 28 and Ottawa County 5. Keith said that the roof contractor is looking at starting the roof replacement the first part of April. Commissioner Malmberg discussed a telephone call she received regarding a fire call last week.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the board tractor and mower costs for 2020. The group discussed putting the mowing out to bids. Greg said the hot spot for internet did not work at the county shop. They will stay with Eagle Communications and they are emailing the bill so that it is received in time. He will also check to see if Eagle can bill on an annual basis.

Owen Kindall and Cade Rensink, Ottawa County Community Development Foundation, gave the board an update on the foundation. Owen said that they have a Federal Identification number as of February 3, 2021. Their Articles of Organization have been approved, and their 501c(3) status has been filed with the IRS. The group discussed funding sources. Owen and Cade would like to pinpoint an exact dollar figure on what the county will be committing to. The commissioners will place a call to the county auditors to get some answers to questions they have on the county's commitment.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, came in and gave the board an update on the Department of Aging office. Sara said that Ottawa County has one vacancy to fill on the Board of Directors of North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. Sara gave the commissioners a job description of the duties. Sara gave the commissioners a COVID-19 update. Sara went over Aid to Local grant dollars they will be receiving.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the commissioners the chemical bids he has received back. He gave the commissioners his recommendation on dividing up the chemical purchase between the three companies. The commissioners approved his request on his recommendations, for a total of \$35,736.00. Kenny discussed his Eagle Communication billing. Kenny said that

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the hot spot works for his office. He will contact Nex-Tech Wireless and let them know he will continue with using the hot spot. Kenny said they will be starting to spray soon. Kenny visited with the board about the summer office hours for Noxious Weed. For the last several years he has not been doing the 10-hour 4-day a week schedule. If they wanted him to, he would. After discussion, the commissioners said it was fine for his office to stay on the regular schedule of 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The commissioners will hold a work session after regular session on April 5, 2021.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:03 p.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.