

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
March 29, 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 22, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the March 22, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the Annual Township Report from Blaine Township to examine and confirm. Mary gave the commissioners a Resolution pertaining to funding the Law Enforcement Center Capital Outlay. The commissioners signed Resolution 21-11, transferring available scheduled funds from the General Fund to the Law Enforcement Center Capital Outlay Fund for the purpose of making 2021 scheduled general obligation bond principal and interest payments for the law enforcement remodeling project, of \$135,000. Mary gave the commissioners vouchers and payroll to approve.

Commissioner Wolf received a telephone call from Senator Bowers regarding if there was any legislation for help to counties with the large utility gas bills from last month. She gave Commissioner Wolf several contacts and Senator Bowers will reach out to another department at the state level to give her a call. Senator Bowers called back and gave Commissioner Wolf a website to go to for information.

No one was present for public comment from 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 29, Sedgwick County 6, and Ottawa County 4. Keith gave the commissioners a proposed wage increase for Jerry Ziolkowski, Deputy Sheriff, who passed KLETC training. The proposed increase is from \$15.75 to \$16.50, effective March 25, 2021. The commissioners approved. Keith said that he is on the Homeland Security Council, and there is a program to do a cyber security assessment audit. After Keith explained the details, it was approved to go ahead with the audit. Keith will get with the individuals at the county level to let them know.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the board pictures of the two 2008 pickups he purchased from Purple Wave Auction last week, one for \$4,000 and the other for \$4,600. Commissioner Mortimer discussed speed limit signs with Greg. Greg said that he had flagger training for his employees last week. Greg said that they could not hook up to internet in the basement meeting room because the Wi-Fi password cannot be given out. The commissioners said that next time just get with Kim Winsett, County IT point of contact, to have her put it on his laptop. Greg said that he had an employee ask if they could buy some of the free millings that the county has. The commissioners unanimously said no, as the county uses them for projects.

The commissioners will hold interviews for the new human resource/payroll position April 5, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Ottawa County Commissioners room.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, visited with the board about Senate Bill 40, concerning the newest COVID-19 laws from the state. Richard went over the high points that affected the county. Richard will have the Resolution to opt out ready for the commissioners next Monday. Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee at 10:04 a.m. for fifteen minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were Richard and the commissioners. They returned to regular session at 10:19 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets or of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships at 10:49 a.m. for eleven minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. Commissioner Wolf moved to continue executive session at 11:03 for

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seven minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. They returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m. No decision was made.

The commissioners will hold coffee with the commissioners April 10, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., at Westside Ventures, Bennington, Ks., and April 10, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Tescott Community Center.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.