

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
March 1, 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 February 22, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the February 22, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board abatements for review.

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session at 8:09 a.m. for ten minutes for confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners. They returned to regular session at 8:19 a.m. No decision was made.

Becky Myers and Wynette Donovan, Project Graduation 2021, stopped in and asked for a donation to USD #239 Project Graduation for Minneapolis Junior Senior High School. Commissioner Mortimer moved to give \$250 to MJSH for USD 239 Project Graduation from the Drug & Alcohol fund. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 8:24 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:29 a.m. No decision was made.

Emily Benedick, North Central Regional Planning Commission, met with the commissioners and explained the unmanned aircraft corridor through Ottawa County. She asked that a new goal be added to the County's Comprehensive Development Plan and Zoning Regulations to provide for development consistent with the mission of the UAS Corridor and to provide for coordination with Fort Riley on development proposed within the UAS Corridor. She said that a grant was available with the cost to do this if the county needed it. The commissioners asked Emily if it would be an advantage to the county to participate. Emily said that she could not answer that. Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session at 8:44 a.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Emily Benedick, North Central Regional Planning Commission. They returned to regular session at 8:59 a.m. No decision was made.

There was no one present between 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. for public comment.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 27, and Ottawa County 5. The commissioners asked Keith how the cleaning at the jail was going. Keith said that it was fine.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg discussed the internet at the county shop and said that through Nex-Tech Wireless, it would be \$25 a month for having a hot spot for the shop internet, contract for two years, unlimited data. The commissioners visited with Greg on the current Eagle Broadband internet billing. Greg will look into it and see if they could pay it by the year, otherwise if the hot spot will work that may be the way to go. Greg said that the concrete crushing will hopefully start next week. Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator joined the group. He had additional data on the Nex-Tech Wireless, that if you bought the hot spot out right, it would be \$175, and then \$25 a month for data. Discussion was held on if the county shop and Noxious Weed building could share a hot spot. Greg and Kenny will continue researching options.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the commissioners his Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for

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2020. The commissioners will look over the report this week and sign the document next week. Kenny reported on other items going on in his office. Kenny gave the commissioners his list of chemicals that he would like to purchase that stocks him up for the year. He will have the bids ready for the commissioner's March 15, 2021, to open.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, came in and asked the commissioners if they were going to extend the county-wide face mask resolution for another two weeks. The commissioners said they wanted to run it by the Health Department on their feelings about whether they felt the need to continue with the county-wide requirement. Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, joined the group. The commissioners asked her, her feelings on continuing with the county-wide face mask requirement. She said that she did not know, that was a question for Trisha Smith, RN. Sara gave the board an update on vaccines, in which they are still working on the over 65 age. When they have left-over shots in a vial, they are contacting the courthouse employee's that want a vaccine. After discussion, the commissioners did not continue with county-wide face mask requirement.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, brought in a Grant Application with the State of Kansas Department of Health and Environment for State Fiscal Year 2022 for the commissioners to review and approve. She went through each grant. The commissioners signed the application.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 11:06 a.m. for ten minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 11:16 a.m. Marie will put together a worksheet for the custodians to use regarding cleaning schedules.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 11:20 a.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners. They returned to regular session at 11:35 a.m. No decision was made.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to rescind the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Malmberg moved to add to the minutes that the commissioners will hold a work session Thursday, March 11, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.