

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
June 1, 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.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board minutes to review from May 26, 2020, and May 28, 2020. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the documents for an upcoming proposed road hearing on June 15, 2020. Mary let the commissioners know that effective June 15, 2020, she would be stepping down as the county's IT point of contact, and effective immediately she was not going to be taking care of keeping the machine pop stocked in the courthouse, and effective immediately when the department heads VISA statements came in, she would be bringing those up to the commissioners to go through and make sure receipts have been turned in and if not, they would need to contact the department head for the missing receipts.

Josh Brown, Interim Custodian, came in and interviewed for the custodial position. The commissioners interviewed Mindi Somers for the custodial position. After interviews and discussion, Commissioner Kay moved to offer the position to Josh Brown, effective immediately, at \$17.00. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Josh returned to the commissioner's room and the commissioners offered the custodial position to him, at \$17.00 per hour. Josh accepted the position. The commissioners asked Josh to take care of keeping the pop machine stocked. Josh agreed and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, will go through deposits with him after lunch.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. He was not sure if there was enough damage to turn into FEMA or not yet. Greg reported on upcoming meetings. Greg was contacted by USD 240 to use some of the concrete pieces stored for work being done on their track. In turn, they would crush up some concrete for the county.

Jennifer Cleveland, Conservation District, presented the 2021 budget for consideration.

D. D. Malmberg was an observer.

Jamie Rice, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, stopped in to see if they could get a waiver for dumping the old bathroom at the fairgrounds at the landfill. The commissioners agreed to waive the fees for the landfill. The commissioners said they would contact Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator to let him know. Jamie said that he was to ask if the commissioners wanted to be the ones to sign the remodeling agreement with Griffin's for the bathroom project. The commissioners said that Brian Kindall, Fair Board member could sign the agreement, but to be sure to have the county attorney look at it first. Greg said that they were asked if Road & Bridge could do the demolishing of the existing bathroom, and the commissioners agreed.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 44 and Ottawa County 6. The commissioners thanked Keith for helping the custodian out at the courthouse.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Jason Laskowski, R & L Security, met with the commissioners and discussed what it would take to be able to get more than 10 days of prior detail from the security camera system. Jason said that he has worked on the current system and has it going 20 days now. The current recorder was donated to the courthouse by the jail, and it is unsupported from the manufacture. He could add on to the current 3 TB hard drive, with another 3 TB, for approximately \$500 and get up to 30-40 days. The commissioners asked for Jason to get Marie a quote for the additional hard drive.

At 11:00 a.m., the commissioners held a grievance hearing with former custodian Matt Dixon. Those present were the commissioners,

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Matt Dixon, Richard Buck, County Attorney. Matt had statements concerning his May 4, 2020, dismissal. He said he never received disciplinary action during employment, that he worked during COVID-19 while others were off, and that the commissioners should have let him know what needed done and coached him as an employee. Matt said that the Ottawa County Attorney gave him additional information on why his unemployment claim was denied. He additionally went over things that were told to him by the commissioners and said that not enough clarification was given for him to do what the commissioners wanted. He did not think the exit interview was appropriate for someone who was terminated, so that is why he did not return it earlier. Matt gave the commissioners his exit interview, and requested his unused sick, vacation and compensation time be paid. Matt was told the commissioners would get back to him within 30 days on their decision.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 11:32 a.m. for 45 minutes for attorney/client matters of potential litigation and liability relating to claims made against the county. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:17 p.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Kay moved to go back into executive session at 12:22 p.m. for 15 minutes for attorney/client matters of potential litigation and liability relating to claims made against the county. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:37 p.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Wolf moved to accept Resolution 20-16 and Proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ottawa County, Kansas, for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:01 p.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.