

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
January 6, 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 Kay opened the meeting in prayer, then led the group in the flag salute.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board a letter she got ready for them to send to North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging on the appoint of Kathryn Paige to the Area Agency on Aging board several weeks ago. Mary gave the commissioners the first Resolution of the year, 20-01, in regard to financial statements and financial reports for the year ended 12/31/20, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of the cash basis law, in which the board signed. Mary gave the commissioners an email from DVACK wanting two proclamations declared. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to proclaim January 2020 National Stalking Awareness Month. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to proclaim January 2020 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary visited with the board about a request from her for a \$1.50/per hour raise. In the documentation she provided, she wanted to point out that the \$1.50 is misleading as it's based on 2080 hours in a year, and being salary, and the number of hours she actually puts in makes the request closer to \$1.10-\$1.20 per hour increase. She thanked the commissioners for the .50 cents they already gave out county-wide, but also pointed out, that amount was actually lower for her when you actually figure the number of hours put in. She discussed the fact that there are some employees that are going above and beyond, and though their work is appreciated by their department heads, and the commissioners, an employee sees more appreciation in an increase in pay. She went through the documentation (on file in the Clerk's office), on some of the non-statutory duties she does for the county. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve a \$1.50 raise for Ottawa County Clerk, Mary Arganbright. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marilyn Heck, County Register of Deeds, gave the commissioners information for a new copier that she is needing for her office. She said that her office is the main office that uses it, so she would take care of the purchase through her Register of Deeds Technology fund. Any office would still be welcome to use it, however. She has a quote from Central Office Service & Supply for approximately \$4,000, in which she intends on purchasing. She went over 2019 yearly fee information with the board.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session for five minutes at 8:26 a.m. for confidential data relating to financial affairs of the county. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:31 a.m. No decision was made.

Abatements were approved.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, stopped in and reported to the board that the deposit her deputy Treasurer took to the bank on Friday, ended up having a counterfeit \$20 bill in the deposit. The bank notified Minneapolis City Police and Deputy Treasurer Missy Witt took all the \$20 bills down for them to look at. The rest were ok. JoDee has been in contact

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with the county auditor and she is going to pull \$20 cash out of the bank and then deposit it in the Treasurer's over/short fund. JoDee said they have ordered the pens to scan across the bills they receive.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg reported on the incident where a Walmart truck went down a road and got stuck, when the road has signage up. Different options were discussed on signage wording, etc. Greg discussed driving the county truck home a couple of times of week. When he gets called out in the middle of the night, it has the tools and items he needs to do his job. He asked the board to think about it. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that she would like to commend Greg on how he gets along with his guys and she doesn't hear any complaints from them. Greg said that he treats everyone the same.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 42, and Ottawa County 6.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 9:27 a.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 9:42 a.m. No decision was made.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.