

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 10, 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.

At 8:00 a.m., Commissioner Wolf moved to go into session as the Board of County Canvassers, to canvass the results of the August 4, 2020, Primary Election. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. County Election Officer Mary Arganbright gave the documents from the election to the board.

At 8:15 a.m., Commissioner Wolf moved to go out of session as County Canvassers and go into regular session to hold the 2021 County Budget hearing. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. With no one present, Commissioner Kay moved to approve the 2021 County Budget as published. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held the 2021 Fire District Budget hearing. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the 2021 Fire District Budget as published. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

At 8:33 a.m., Commissioner Kay moved to go back into session as the Board of County Canvassers. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. After reviewing all documents from the Primary Election August 4, 2020, and provisional ballots, Commissioner Kay moved to approve the August 4, 2020, Primary Election valid. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay moved to go back into regular session at 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board minutes to review from August 3, 2020. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the August 3, 2020, minutes as read. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the vouchers to review and approve for payment of August 11, 2020. Mary gave the commissioners the payroll for approval for the election board workers, August 4, 2020. Payroll was approved. Mary gave the board the employee's VISA statements to open and go through. Mary discussed Resolution 20-17, pertaining to declaring a road vacated June 15, 2020, in Logan Township, on Volunteer Road. The county appraiser informed Mary that the mapper caught a legal description error from Garber Surveying Service, P.A., who wrote up the vacation description. They put the correct Range of 2 in the second paragraph and Range 3 in the third paragraph. Mary will do a correction Resolution for the commissioners to approve next week. Mary gave the commissioners a document to review from Kansas Department of Labor, on a former employee's appeal hearing for unemployment benefits.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the board an Ottawa County Road & Bridge Right-of-way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit for Housley Communications, to bury cable across N 135th Road, and one for Northern Natural Gas, for a new cable to nearby pipeline on N 150th Road. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve Permit No. 56 for Housley Communications to place AT&T cable across N 135th Road to service address at 1111 N 135th Road, Minneapolis. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Kay moved to approve Permit No. 57 for Northern Natural Gas to connect cable to nearby pipeline, on N 150th Road, just north of Rifle Road. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

At 9:28 a.m., the commissioners moved to the courtroom to accommodate a meeting with USD #239 and USD #240, regarding the schools having to wear face masks. Those present were Rosemary Neaderhiser and Juanita Morris, USD #240 School Board Members, Virginia Proctor, USD #239 parent, Brigitte Nelson and Rick Shupe, USD #239 School Board Members, Trisha Smith, Ottawa County Health Department RN, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. The commissioners let the group know that the Board of County Commissioners were not going to get involved with school board decisions. The schools have home rule power, just like the county does. The commissioners said that as elected officials, they were not going to make decisions on behalf of other elected officials.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 35, Kansas Department of Corrections 1, and Ottawa County 3. Keith reported on the jail remodeling project and equipment repairs.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the commissioners an update on his office. Kenny discussed an area that Commissioner Wolf had a complaint on that a citizen wanted sprayed on county property but was not being sprayed because of possible drifting on ornamentals around the property owner's mailbox. Kenny said that he could go spray it, but wanted a document signed by the landowner saying the county would not be liable if drifting occurred. Kenny gave the commissioners requests for raises for his department. The commissioners said they would like to think about it and for him to come back next week.

Commissioner Kay moved to give the fair board the remaining funds in the Special Parks & Recreation fund that have been sitting there for years of \$499.53. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, SPARK committee, met with the commissioners and went over a revised reimbursement list for entities expenses March 1, 2020-July 31, 2020 for COVID-19 expenses. Marie said that Richard Buck, County Attorney, has the Memorandum of Understandings to review, and copies were given to the commissioners for review. Sara and Marie said that before the Direct Aid Plan for SPARKS funding could be done, Sara wanted to know if the commissioners were in agreement about her request to hire an additional RN for the Health Department. The position will be funded through the SPARK funds until the end of December 2020, and then paid out of her budget after December 30, 2020. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked if the RN will be able to stay busy. Sara said that she could not predict into the future on that, but she thought so. Sara went through employee positions and when retirement happens how duties will shift. After discussion, the commissioners approved. Commissioner Wolf moved to allow Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission, to submit documents for Ottawa County concerning SPARK funding. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie will have the commissioner's copies of the Direct Aid Plan as soon as she can.

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