

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 5, 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 29, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the March 29, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the Annual Township Report from Sherman Township to examine and confirm. Mary gave the commissioners the end of the month budget activity report for March. Mary gave the board an email she received from DVACK, requesting the support in helping spread the word that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. The commissioners signed the documentation provided by DVACK. Mary had a letter from Robert Livengood, resigning the position of Blaine Township Trustee, and Brian Kindall, Blaine Township Clerk submitted a name for replacement of Mark Freel. Commissioner Malmberg moved to accept the resignation of Robert Livengood as Blaine Township Trustee, effective 3/24/21. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Malmberg moved to appoint Mark Freel as Blaine Township Trustee, effective 3/24/21. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

The commissioners discussed burning of fields. They will continue conversation at their coffee meetings with the public on March 10, 2021.

Josh Brown, Custodian, brought up lawn mower quotes from Hometown Outdoor Power. A 2021 Hustler, Raptor XL Kawasaki, 21.5 HP, \$3,423; a 2021 Hustler, Fastrak Kawasaki, 24 HP, \$4,988.75; and a 2021 Hustler, Hustler Raptor XD, 21.5 HP, 42" Mulch kit, \$3,993. Commissioner Mortimer moved to accept quote 30679 from Hometown Outdoor Power for the 2021 Hustler, Hustler Raptor XD 42" Kawasaki 21.5 HP, 42" Mulch Kit, for \$3,993. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with the board about filling a commissioner vacancy on the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC). She went over what would be required. Commissioner Malmberg said that she would fill the vacancy. Marie said that a City of Minneapolis Council Member approached her about doing the street signs for Minneapolis. They would pay for the material and the labor, but no installation. There would be no time frame so the Noxious Weed department would be able to do them on their time schedule when they weren't so busy, October-December possibly. Marie will get with Noxious Weed and have them do an estimate on the cost to the county and bring back to the board.

Brian Kindall, Fair Board Treasurer, reported on the year-to-date Summary report for January-December 2020. Brian reminded the commissioners there was no fair last year. Brian gave the board an update on the restroom project. He gave the commissioners the 2020-2021 funding information on the project. The balance to complete the project is \$7,239.04. This amount was approved by the former commission on December 30, 2020. The group discussed that there is a need for carnival help, for if the carnival isn't there, it cuts the attendance in half.

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 19, Sedgwick County 6, and Ottawa County 4. Keith said that they have started on the roof replacement of the jail.

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 #60 for Housley Communications to bury ATT BSW N for approximately 475' ten bore across N 135th Road for approximately 75' at 36", and an Ottawa County Road & Bridge Right of Way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit #61 for Housley Communications, to bury ATT BSW from pedestal 2 across N 90th Road to service address at 1366 N 90th

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Road, Minneapolis, Ks. The commissioners approved both permits. Greg let the commissioners know that the excavator that was purchased does not have a tilt on it. He has priced one for \$12,000, from Foley Equipment. The commissioners wanted Greg to wait before he did anything.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 9:39 a.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 9:49 a.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 10:00 a.m. for twenty minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Malmberg recused herself from the first applicant for being too close of a relationship. Those present were Commissioner Wolf and Commissioner Mortimer, and Rondee Thrush. They returned to regular session at 10:20 a.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session at 10:25 a.m. for twenty minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Tara McGee. They returned to regular session at 10:45 a.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session at 10:57 a.m. for twenty minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Katrina Pollet. They returned to regular session at 11:17 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Malmberg moved to extend the executive session at 11:19 a.m. for fifteen minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Katrina Pollet. They returned to regular session at 11:33 a.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session at 11:37 a.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners. They returned to regular session at 11:52 a.m. The commissioners will call back Katrina Pollet next week for a second interview. Commissioner Mortimer will let Katrina know.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.