

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 22, 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.

Pastor Jerid Arnold opened the meeting in prayer. Commissioner Wolf led the group in the flag salute.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the board the minutes from February 16, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the February 16, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board the township annual reports for Buckeye, and Richland Townships to examine and confirm, and an abatement and vouchers to review and approve.

Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County Deputy Administrator, Shawn Esterl, Environmental Sanitarian, and Seth Odette, Environmental Sanitarian, stopped in and Hannah introduced Seth to the commissioners as the new sanitarian. Seth went through his background and the services they provide for Ottawa County.

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 26, and Ottawa County 5. Keith answered questions on repairs at the jail.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the board a copy of the results from his survey he sent out to road and bridge employees on going to the 4-day 10-hour days beginning March 29 through October 22. The majority voted for the 4-day 10-hour days. He also surveyed the employees on the whether they want to work 4-8 hour shifts on the week of Memorial Day, the week of Independence Day, and the week of Labor Day, and if they work 8 hour shifts those weeks, they will get paid for 40 hours instead of 38 hours. To make that possible they would have to work the Friday in those weeks mentioned above. The majority vote was to stay on the 10-hour days. The commissioners discussed the late fees on the Eagle Communication bills for internet services. The commissioners asked for Greg to look at other options. Kenny Baccus joined the group and the commissioners asked Kenny to also check into other options for his internet.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, brought in his 2021 Annual Control Plan for noxious weeds for the commissioners to review and sign. The commissioners discussed spraying at the fairgrounds with Kenny. Kenny updated the board on a House Bill. Kenny asked the commissioners if Ottawa County would donate to the County Weed Director's Association scholarship fund. The commissioners asked for Kenny to provide them with county costs for him being on the County Weed Director's Association board of directors. The commissioners did not feel they could provide a donation.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session at 10:38 a.m. for thirty minutes to discuss attorney/client matters. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:08 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Malmberg moved to adopt A Declaration of Disaster Emergency Resolution 21-05, regarding getting the jail roof repaired. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:33 a.m., and resume at 12:00 p.m., with a work session. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to open the work session at 12:09 p.m. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Malmberg moved to close the work session at 2:42 p.m. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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