

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 13, 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 July 6, 2020. After a correction, Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2020. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary went over questions on holiday pay that a department had. The commissioners agreed with the answer Mary gave. Mary gave the commissioners a copy of a letter from Community Corrections indicating that a reappointment needs to be done for a term expiring on the 28th Judicial District Advisory Board. Mary gave the commissioners the month end report for June 2020. Mary gave the board the department VISA statements to review.

Commissioner Kay moved to reappoint Crystal Vancoevern to the 28th Judicial District Advisory Board for a two-year term expiring July 2022. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Annie Grevas, Community Corrections, met with the commissioners and informed the commissioners that the two representatives from Ottawa County on the Community Corrections board are amazing. She presented a Behavioral Health Grant Application and the Comprehensive Plan Grant Application for approval, which she went over with them. Commissioner Wolf moved to sign the Behavioral Health Grant Application FY2021 for the 28th Judicial District Community Corrections. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Wolf moved to sign the Comprehensive Plan Grant Application FY21 for the 28th Judicial District Community Corrections. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, stopped in and discussed the postage machine that most departments use. She said that there have been many issues with the machine, and the contract is not up until October. She has several quotes but is waiting for another. One company will see what they can do to help with a buy-out of the contract. The commissioners asked JoDee to get with the county attorney to see if he will do a letter to the current company on the dissatisfaction of the product.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg said that the overlay on the Wells road will start this week. Greg had someone that he would like to hire, with experience. The group went over the four companies that the commissioners were to do a selection report on.

Commissioner Wolf shared an email with the other two commissioners from Rosemary Neaderhiser concerning the commissioner's decision on the county-wide face mask regulation.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, gave the board copies of a resolution declaring an ongoing state of local disaster emergency for Ottawa County, Kansas, as the prior one is getting ready to expire, and a resolution establishing the coronavirus relief fund. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve Resolution 20-22, A Declaration of an Ongoing State of Local Disaster Emergency for Ottawa County, Kansas. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve Resolution 20-23, Establishing the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, joined the group. Marie asked permission to be added to the webpage authorizations to be able to add information on the front page. The commissioners approved. Sara discussed the reporting on COVID-19 statistics for the public on the county webpage. Reporting will be done once a week. The county will not send information to the local county newspaper, as by the time the paper comes out, the information will be outdated as it changes constantly. Marie said that she needed somewhere to put personal protection equipment in a climate control spot. She looked at one of the storage rooms. Richard discussed the current burn ban resolution with the board. Richard went over the resolution and read the

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part that is incorrect. After discussion, Richard will correct the penalty section on the resolution and get back with them.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 35, and Ottawa County 4. Keith has been talking to Loyd Builders on getting some of the jail remodeling problems fixed.

Kevin Urban, Saline County Environmental Services, gave the commissioners a 2nd quarter update on statistics.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, came in and discussed going to fiber hosted voice telephone service. She was notified by Twin Valley Telephone that they have dropped fiber to the Ottawa County Health Center, which will allow the health department to go on if they wish. There would be a one-time construction fee not to exceed \$1,000, then \$69.99 a month. The commissioners approved. Sara gave the board an estimate from Medicenix, Inc., for a battery back-up system for the vaccines stored in a refrigerator, with a power outage alert system. Their current alert system does not work. The estimate is for \$6,160. There will be grant funds available for some of this, and she has some ideas to check on for other funding sources. She does have capital outlay budget she can use also. The commissioners approved.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 10:59 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.