

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
May 18, 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, attending via Zoom.com, 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 commissioners the minutes from May 11, 2020, to review. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the minutes as read. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board a renewal agreement with CMR Alarms, Inc., for the monitoring of the panic button system in the courthouse. The agreement is for 3 years, locking in a rate of \$14.95 per month. Commissioner Kay moved to sign the renewal agreement with CMR Alarms, Inc., at the lock in rate of \$14.95 per month for 3 years. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary went over the requirements for the Call for Redemption of bonds for Fire Department #4 Bennington. Acting as the governing body of Fire District No. 4, Commissioner Kay moved to approve the early redemption, on August 1, 2020, of all outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, of Fire District No. 4, and that the County Clerk be authorized and instructed to give the necessary Call for Redemption on such bonds, in substantially the form presented to the governing body this date. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners an email from Kevin Urban, Saline County Environmental Office, reporting first quarter time and activity logs. He will give a more detailed in person update when he comes up in July with second quarter data.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:13 a.m. for fifteen minutes for attorney/client matters in regard to potential litigation matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:28 a.m. No decision was made. Richard reported on hearings coming up. Richard asked about an upcoming meeting in Junction City with the North Central Regional Juvenile board, which he is on the board. With the no business travel the commissioners have placed, Richard explained that they are going to be discussing increasing costs, and he would like to be there. The commissioners agreed.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, and Amanda Loughridge, Transportation Coordinator, met with the commissioners and Amanda gave the board an update on transportation rides since opening back up on May 11, 2020. Amanda reported that the transportation department has received an email from KDOT, awarding CARES Act funding at 100% reimbursement to sustain the operating and administrative needs for general public transit employees. KDOT is also awarding 100% reimbursement through the CARES Act, for operating and capital grants request for SFY-2021. Sara reported that on June 1, 2020, they will start health department face to face appointments again. Sara went over other things they have been doing in the health department.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the board his 2021 budget proposals for Road & Bridge, Special Bridge, and Solid Waste for consideration. Greg gave the board copies of the bridge inspection report.

Brian Kindall, Ottawa County Fair Board, met with the board on the bids received last week for the restroom remodeling at the fairgrounds. Brian said that the bids were gone over with the City of Minneapolis Recreation Commission, and then the fair board had a meeting and it was unanimous to go with Griffin's bid of \$127,406. They feel that the block building will last longer. Right now, they are around \$11,000 short from all the grants, etc., they have gotten. He feels that between possibly another grant, private donations, etc., they will have it covered. Brian said that the fair is being discussed with different entities on whether it will proceed this year. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the bid from Griffin's for \$127,406, for the restroom remodeling at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, presented her 2021 budget for consideration.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 47 and Ottawa County 3. Keith reported that AT&T is there today

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updating the 911 mapping.

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Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, and Trisha Smith, Health RN, met with the commissioners for COVID-19 matters. Marie gave the commissioners a new resolution to review extending COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Commissioner Kay moved to approve Resolution 20-13, COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie reported that a grant was approved for \$4,920, First Responder Usable Masks. Trisha asked the board if they had any questions regarding the Governor's 1.5 Phase. The commissioners said they have decided that this week it would still be the department heads discretion as to whether or not to bring all staff back in this week, and this week would continue to be by appointment only. Next week the commissioners want all staff back, and offices will continue to operate by appointment only. On June 1, 2020, the courthouse will open to the public, with social distancing being practiced.

Shelia Nelson-Stout, Susan Sprague, and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK, presented the OCCK 2021 budget for presentation.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the commissioners with her 2021 budget for consideration.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, gave the board the April bank reconciliation.

Kay Baccus, O & L #1 Fire District, gave the commissioners the Fire District 2021 budget for consideration.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 11:15 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 11:25 a.m. No decision was made.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 11:28 a.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.