

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 2, 2020

Office of the Ottawa County Clerk
3:00 p.m.
Special Session

The Board of Commissioners met in special session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

The commissioners held a special session to discuss Governor Kelly's Executive Order No. 20-52, regarding person's in Kansas covering their mouth and nose with a mask or other face covering when they are in certain situations, effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2020. Rick Shupe; Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, were present. Marie gave the commissioners a Resolution to review in regard to the Executive Order and exempting Ottawa County from the order. Commissioner Wolf moved to pass Resolution 20-21, An Order Exempting Ottawa County, Kansas, from the Requirements of Executive Order 20-52, Requiring Citizens to Wear Face Masks or Other Face Coverings when in Public. Now Therefore, based upon the following findings: 1. The Board has consulted with the local public health officer concerning the requirement of the wearing of masks or other face coverings in public. 2. That after consultation with the local public health officer, while it is suggested that masks or other face coverings be utilized in public, the implementation of the provisions contained within Executive Order No. 20-52 requiring the same are not necessary to protect the health and safety of the county; and 3. As of this date, there have been four (4) recovered positive cases and only two (2) active cases within Ottawa County. It is Hereby Ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, Kansas that Ottawa County is hereby exempt from the requirements of masks and other facial coverings be worn in public as set forth in Executive Order No. 20-52 issued by the Governor of the State of Kansas. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Rick Shupe asked each of the commissioners if Dr. Labes hadn't suggested the exemption, how would each commissioner have felt about the matter. Each commissioner said they believed it should be up to each individual.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 3:17 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.