

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
June 14, 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, County Clerk Mary Arganbright, and Deputy County Clerk Candy Blake.

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 June 7, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the June 7, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the board vouchers to review and approve. Mary gave the commissioners updated Rural Opportunity Zone information.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, was an observer.

The commissioners discussed the fuel pumps at the county shop and the use of.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, discussed the Rescue Plan funds the county will be receiving. She gave them the interest rates from Citizens State Bank, Bank of Tescott, and Bennington State Bank. JoDee said that Bennington State Bank offers a Companion Deposit Account, in which the county could open a savings account (.4%) with a variable interest rate that is guaranteed to always be higher than the savings account. However, the county would have to open a CD at the same time with the exact same amount of money in it. No decision was made at this time until some more research is done.

There was no one present for public comment from 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, discussed a letter that she received last week, with no signature, about how and who received the Coronavirus bonus money last year, and how they had heard the sheriff's office was the next to receive a bonus. Commissioner Wolf wanted a letter to go out with employee's direct deposit to explain the background of the decision from last year on paying the bonuses out. The commissioners asked for Katrina to get with Kim Winsett, County Point-of-Contact for IT, to have her come up next week to discuss her duties and the LockIt Technologies agreement. The commissioners discussed options for air conditioning with Katrina. Katrina reported back she called Mitchell County and found out what kind of units they were using, and she called Pestinger's in Salina and visited with a representative about those units. Katrina discussed with the board of their new way of handling the agenda and the supporting documents that are sent out to them.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 31, Sedgwick County 10, and Ottawa County 7. Keith discussed an incident at North Central Regional Juvenile Center in Manhattan where the county transports juveniles to be held. The commissioners will get with the county attorney to see what the contract says with them. A call was placed to the county attorney, and he verified that Keith could turn in his mileage for reimbursement from NCRJC.

Chris Smith, Assistant Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. The commissioners discussed a road buckling issue that happened last week and the personnel that responded and the flagging. Personal protection equipment was discussed and training.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave the commissioners Resolution 21-19, COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution, declaring there was a state of local public health emergency in Ottawa County. This resolution will need to be in place because the state resolution is getting ready to expire, and the local resolution will let Sara to continue receiving supplies for COVID. Commissioner Malmberg moved to pass Resolution 21-19, COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution, for sixty days. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Marie said that the part for

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the air conditioner has not been received yet. It could be Wednesday or Thursday. Commissioner Wolf will send an email out to employees in the courthouse updating them for the week without the air conditioner.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, gave the commissioners a copy of information from Mitchell County on the Mitsubishi Electric cooling system that they use in their courthouse.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 10:16 a.m. for five minutes for confidential data relating to financial affairs. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, and Candy Blake, Deputy County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve additional funds of \$25,000 from the employee benefit fund to the insurance claims fund. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf copied notes for Commissioner Mortimer from last week's state commissioner conference. The commissioners discussed valuable information they obtained from the conference.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, came in and the commissioners asked Richard what the new round of recovery funds can be used for. Richard said that it could be used for capital improvements, so yes, the air conditioner repairs would fall into it. He said that it can also be used for economic development so the phase three at the old racetrack would fall under it also. Richard said the next round would be coming mid-October/November. The commissioners gave him a copy of the information that JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, brought up on interest accounts. The commissioners talked to Richard about what they learned at the State Commissioner Conference last week on tax sales. Richard will look into it.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.