

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 6, 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 Deputy County Clerk Candy Blake.

Commissioner Wolf opened the meeting in prayer and then led the group in the flag salute.

Candy Blake, Deputy County Clerk, gave the board the minutes from June 28, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the June 28, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

JoDee Cople, Ottawa County treasurer, met with the commissioners to give a tax sale update. The sale is slated to have twelve properties at this time and is scheduled to be held on the 18th of October 2021. Commissioner Wolf asked JoDee what will happen if the properties do not sell. Jodee said the properties would go back on the tax sale for the next year.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Commissioner Mortimer discussed a box bridge on 90th and Rifle Road, that has had some trouble in the past and now has a 4-5inch indentation in the bridge. Greg said they will work on it. The group discussed pop-up spots on 170th road near Bennington. Greg said they are going to dig those spots out and repair them to make it smooth. Greg talked to the Commissioners about doing some work near Delphos at the end of harvest season. Commissioner Malmberg told Greg of a culvert near Evergreen and 90th road that may need to be worked on. Commissioner Mortimer asked Greg about the rock from Oklahoma, and the potential to use some of the rock on the Ada/Tescott road. The group discussed harvesting their own rock from parts of the county. Greg is going to look into the cost of doing that. Greg reported the Ottawa County website has been updated to reflect the open positions for the Road and Bridge Department with higher starting wages. The Commissioners asked JoDee Cople, Ottawa County treasurer, to put a link on the main page of the website to take people directly to the job opportunity page.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 8:55 a.m for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion Carried 3-0. Those present were Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, and the Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 9:00 a.m. No decision made.

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

Keith Coleman, Ottawa County Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 30, Sedgwick County 9, and Ottawa County 5. Keith presented an increase to salaries for the Sheriff's office to compete with neighboring counties. This will take effect this pay-period. Keith wants to create a new position at the jail for a Corrections Officer 2/trainer. This position will help the county uniformly train employees. Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, was an observer.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session at 9:10 a.m for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion Carried 3-0. Those present were Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, and the Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 9:25 a.m. No decision made.

The Commissioners read a letter from Marie Ballou, Emergency Management to the Ottawa County Townships. The county will not be receiving any FEMA assistance for the May 29th, 2021 flooding. The state fell drastically short of the state threshold for federal public assistance. Any damages incurred by the county and townships will be at their own expense.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, met with the Commissioners regarding a concern she received from an Elected Official. Katrina talked with the commissioners about the upcoming budget prep meeting on July 19th 2021 starting at 1:00 p.m. The commissioners brought up items and topics of potential change they would like to discuss at the budget prep meeting. Katrina will let all department

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heads know of the meeting and will remind department heads to make sure their offices remain staffed during the meeting. This will be an open meeting. The Commissioners will also be present for the strategic planning meeting with department heads on Monday, July 12th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.