

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
January 19, 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 County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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 January 11, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the January 11, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary reported on vacant township positions that the commissioners found citizens to serve on. Commissioner Malmberg moved to appoint Jill Koster, Morton Township Treasurer; Valerie Larson, Morton Township Clerk; Greg Jackson, Richland Township Treasurer; and Chris Reilly, Sheridan Township Treasurer. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the Ottawa County Employee Health Protection Plan Group #105, with Corporate Plan Management, for employee's health insurance. Commissioner Wolf signed the document.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, brought up new bank signature cards for the commissioners to sign. JoDee gave the commissioners a packet of end-of-year finances to the board. It showed comparisons from 2019 to 2020.

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

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 25, Sedgwick County 10, and Ottawa County 3.

Commissioner Malmberg sent new commissioner training information to Commissioner Wolf via email.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, and Chris Smith, Assistant Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners copies of the Road Safety Plan that the State came out and did last year. Greg gave the board the information for them to go through the three consultants that gave interest for the engineering firm that will do the inspections for the bridge on 170th Road. Greg gave the commissioners estimates from Equipment Blades, Inc., for a 3/4" hole curved grader blade, \$500 set; and Welborn Sales, for a 5/8 hole curved grader blade, \$220 set. No decision was made. Greg said that they are done with the ditch on the west side on 135th Road. The group discussed safety training classes. It was decided to use up rolls of straw stored at Road & Bridge in the ditch on 135th Road on the west side. The straw is in the way, and rats are making nests and they just need to get it out of the way.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the new commissioners an overview of what his office does. Kenny gave the new commissioners information on his spray logger computer system, and how it works. Kenny reported on upcoming meetings.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with the commissioners about purchasing a cellular telephone booster for the basement meeting room which is the Emergency Operation Center. She had a quote from Ka-Comm Inc., for \$2,013.61. She can take it out of grant funding, if she gets the grant, and if not it can be paid from SPARK funding. The commissioners wanted to wait to see if the grant funds come through first. Marie said that there is \$40,852.10 left in SPARK funding, and there will be some wages that still need to come out of. Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, joined the group. Sara updated the board on what she has left and what has been paid from her allotment of SPARK funding. Marie asked about the extending the face mask resolution. Commissioner Malmberg moved to extend the county-wide face mask resolution for another two weeks. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Malmberg asked Marie about her driving her department vehicle back and forth every day from work to home. Marie said that it is not good to let a vehicle sit and not run. The commissioners gave Marie a letter for her personnel file. The group discussed what to do with the old vehicles of the Emergency Management department and the Health department. Sara said that it was discussed that they be sold on the auction site Purple Wave.

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Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, gave the board an update on the Aging Department. She explained what the department does and what they have been doing the past month. Sara went over Health Department items with the commissioners. Sara went over what type of individuals have received COVID-19 vaccines in Ottawa County. Commissioner Wolf asked Sara to start bringing to them again the insurance reimbursable reports, quarterly.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, stopped in and reported on an email from KCAMP Attorney, Jay Hall. Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session for attorney/client matters, for security measurer's, at 11:26 a.m. for five minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:31 a.m. No decision was made. Richard asked the commissioners if one of them would like to sit on the North Central Regional Juvenile Detention board, that he currently sits on. He went over what they do.

With no further business before this board, Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn at 11:36 a.m. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.