

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

September 12, 2022

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, Heather Maddox all present.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Cynthia M. Smart gave the opening prayer and the commissioners led the flag salute.

Those present were Todd Heitschmidt, and Cynthia M. Smart

Minutes from September 6, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Heather Maddox, Ottawa County Clerk gave invoices to commissioners to sign. Maddox discussed with commissioners about roads in Wells, KS that have a request to be vacated. The Clerk gave the commissioners a map of Wells and the roads that are in question.

Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, asked Chairperson Malmberg to sign off on a Subdivision Plat for Triple-A Meadows Addition. Chairperson Malmberg and Clerk Maddox signed it. Mr. McQueen asked to go into executive session.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personal. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Truette McQueen. The group returned to regular session at 8:53am.

Prisoner count, Minneapolis 1, Ottawa County 6, Saline County 15, Sedgwick County 26.

JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerk, came into the meeting to talk with commissioners about changing payroll from monthly to bi-weekly. Copple said she is not ready to make the change as of now.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Treasurer JoDee Copple. The group returned to regular session at 9:28am.

Commissioner Wolf moved to have Treasurer Copple research the legalities once an employee is eligible for Social Security if they can drop the county insurance and have the county reimburse the employee for supplemental insurance up to a certain dollar amount. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 9:30am commissioners, Clerk Maddox, Greg Dockins Road and Bridge Supervisor and Chris Smith Road Supervisor left the courthouse and proceeded to Wells to meet with Tim Hart, Schwab Eaton, and Levi Walters, landowner, to look at and discuss the vacation of roads requested by Levi Walters.

Tim Hart showed the commissioners a map of the roads that they are requesting to be vacated. The roads in question are not used as roads currently and are overgrown. Commissioners looked at 3 different areas in Wells that were the subject for being vacated. After discussion among the commissioners, Clerk Maddox will put in the newspaper a hearing for the vacation of these roads.

Commissioners and Maddox returned to the courthouse at 10:55am.

Commissioner Wolf moved to accept the 2023 Holiday schedule. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners discussed the Ottawa County handbook and would like to have a department head meeting before approval.

Commissioner Mortimer called Brian Kindall, Township Treasurer to discuss the upcoming Doering curve project. Mr. Kindall is worried about the detour around the project. Commissioners discussed putting up a light and having it be a one way while construction is taking place.

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Commissioners wrote a letter to the township boards to ask if they would meet with the commissioners on December 5th to to discuss next year's mowing of townships, etc.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:09pm. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk