

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 26, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in Suite 201 at the Ottawa County Courthouse.

Those present were:

First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf,

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Jerry Schmidt and Jim Kay, museum board members

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and Wolf led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

County Departments:

Museum

Kay gave commission a breakdown of what the Museum will have left over in the Museum Fund.

Kay asked the commission to appoint Jeff Hodges to the museum board.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Jeff Hodges to the museum board for a 3-year term.

Kay brought up to the commission that the curator is not getting all her holiday pay. Commission and Human Resources discussed getting holiday pay on days employees at not scheduled to work. Commission will decide at a later date what we should change.

Russ Thornton Came into the meeting.

Sheriff

Prisoner count Saline County, 15 and Ottawa County 3, Ottawa County Juvenile 6. Total 24 inmates.

Russ Thornton discussed a grant he got to help with computers and cameras for the Sheriff's office.

Payroll/ Human Resources

JoDee Copple, Payroll and Michelle Campell Human Resources brought to the commission a list of what it would cost the county to implement the PayScale that was given by The Arnold Group.

Human Resources

Michelle Campbell asked for an executive session with the County Counselor

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the monthly pay calendar for Payroll.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for Consultation with Attorney for the body to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Campbell, and Buck. To return at 9:15 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for Consultation with Attorney for body to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Campbell, and Buck. To return at 9:26 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for Consultation with Attorney for body to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Campbell, and Buck. To return at 9:37am.

Health Department

Sara Hodges, Health Department Director brought in annual appointments for the commission.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint George Powell and Gary Sechrist for the Ada Senior Center, Saundra Long and Judith Swagerty for the Bennington Senior Center, Karen Beach and Susan Main for the Delphos Senior Center, Doug Plummer and Shelia Reed for the Golden Wheel Senior Center, and Sandy Slater and Joan Sullivan for the Niles Senior Center.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to

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appoint Darrell Riekenberg and Judith Swagerty to the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Trisha Smith, RN as the Ottawa County Health Officer for 2024.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Dr. Trisha Little, MD as the Ottawa County Medical Consultant for 2024.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to adopt Resolution 23-20 for the transfer of \$13,600 from the museum fund to the museum capital outlay.

Clerk

Heather Maddox, Ottawa County Clerk gave the commission solid waste exemptions to sign off on.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$112,667.37

County General	\$13,782.17
Road & Bridge	\$20,230.42
Solid Waste	\$2,244.75
Noxious Weed	\$117.80
County Health	\$4763.88
Law Enforcement Center	\$16,381.85
Aging	\$110.89
Concord TWP Road	\$3,401.95
Culver TWP Road	\$1,116.02
Historical	\$2,334.00
Morton TWP Road	\$6,030.60
Appraiser	\$242.95
F.D #2 MPLS General	\$26,287.23
F.D #3 DEL General	\$1,500.00
Jail Commissary	\$87.00
Attorney Training	\$199.00
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$13,471.00
Election	\$365.86

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the claims as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to close at noon on Friday December 29th with all employees conducting end of year business.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of January 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk