

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 13, 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

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk  
Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Jerry Ayers, and Karl Leech came into the meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

Jerry Ayers discussed with the commission about his time as a Poll Agent representing the Republican committee. Ayers said that he thought the process went smoothly. He discussed registered Student voters in USD 239 and USD 240. The students could receive extra credit for poll working during the 2024 election.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the November 6th, 2023 minutes as presented.

**County Departments:**

**Sheriff**

Prisoner count Saline County, 29 and Ottawa County 3. Total 32 inmates.

Sheriff Thornton came to talk with the commission about a request from FD #2 to purchase a Sheriff's office Tahoe, that they will be phasing out. Mortimer asked what the FD would use the Tahoe for. Thornton said a command vehicle is the idea that was brought up. Malmberg asked when Thornton ordered his new Tahoes. Thornton said that they aren't ordered, they are sitting on a lot and are being saved for the Sheriff's office. Thornton said the reason he did this is because the car market is high and this way the new vehicles are just sitting on the lot instead of ordering them new and waiting for them to come in a year. This is a quicker way to get the Deputies their new vehicles sooner. Malmberg let Thornton know that she wasn't aware of the purchase of the new vehicles. Thornton said it was in his budget proposal. Malmberg wants the miles and years on all the sheriff's vehicles.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 5-minutes for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg To return at 8:54 am.

**Road and Bridge**

Chris Smith came to the commission to discuss the River Project on Rifle Rd. Smith said there is a ditch on Victory Rd they will be working on for the next couple of weeks. Smith updated the commission on what the department has been doing.

**Treasurer**

JoDee Copple, brought the commission a designation form for Voting Delegates for KWORCC.

**Clerk**

Heather Maddox, gave the commission invoices and minutes to go over.

Wolf attended the Republican Committee meeting Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> with Caryn Tyson presenting.

**Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 129,844.92**

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County General	\$17,011.08
ARPA	\$16,774.12
County Capital Outlay	\$33,545.35
Special Bridge	\$7,500.00
Road & Bridge	\$27,524.88
Solid Waste	\$8,730.92
Ottawa Co 911	\$435.00
Vehicle	\$40.29
Noxious Weed	\$184.62
County Health	\$1,708.66
FD #3 Delphos	\$1,228.89
Law Enforcement Center	\$793.41
Employee Benefits	\$(821.18)
Jail Commissary	\$151.99
Technology Fund	\$100.00
F.D. #2 MPLS General	\$1,311.17
F.D. #1 O&L General	\$184.55
Election	\$3,781.66

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

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk