

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 Candy Sauers, Deputy County Clerk.

JoDee Cople, Ottawa County Treasurer, and Vicki Jensen, County Clerk-elect, were observers.

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

Candy Sauers, Deputy County Clerk, gave the Commissioners the minutes from August 2, 2021. Commissioner Malmberg made a motion to approve the August 2, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Candy gave the Commissioners claims registers to approve. Candy went over bond rating information with the Commissioners. Candy gave the Commissioners an update from KCAMP on upcoming increased rates for 2022.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the Commissioner's with the Ottawa County Covid Declaration which gives the county the ability to order covid related supplies for free from KDHE. Commissioner Malmberg made a motion to accept resolution 21-26 allowing for the purchase of supplies related to covid. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion Carried, 3-0. Marie reported Systems 4 was here to work on the air conditioner.

Duane Morris was an observer.

The board met with Richard Buck, County Attorney, to discuss the Bond Purchase Agreement for the county's hospital bond.

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 26, Sedgwick County 10, and Ottawa County 6. Keith had a corrections officer turn in a resignation for the end of August. The group discussed the air conditioner unit for the courthouse and a possible need for a sump pump at the detention center.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Commissioner Mortimer asked about a road closure status on Windmill and 80th Road. A new pipe is going in for Dustin Muller today. The Commissioners asked Greg about applicants for the open motor grader positions. Greg said he has offered employment to one person at this time. Commissioner Malmberg talked to Greg about a call she received from Chasson Holcomb, regarding concrete around a culvert. Greg stated he has looked at it. Commissioner Malmberg asked if the county is responsible for repairing the culvert. Greg said that because the county hit it, the county will pay the cost to repair it. Commissioner Malmberg asked if Greg had a start date for the road chip sealing and repairs on the Culver, Tescott and 170th roads. He said the end of August.

Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and consultation with legal counsel at 8:50 a.m. for 10 minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion Carried, 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners, Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. The group returned to regular session at 9:00 am. No decision made.

The board met with fire districts in Ottawa County to discuss budget questions they may have. Those present were the Commissioners, Candy Sauers, JoDee Cople, Richard Buck, Katrina Pollet, Vicki Jensen, Randy Gruber, Fire district #4, Kim Webb, Culver Fire District, Jeff Smith, Tescott Fire District, Brandon Baugh, Tescott Fire District, Curtis McCain, Delphos Fire District, Jim Klein, Delphos Fire District, Kay Baccus, Ada Fire District, and Mike Smith, Minneapolis Fire District.

Commissioner Wolf gave Candy the bond purchase agreement to hold until the final documents are received on the bond purchases, and the Attorney has had a chance to look over them.

Commissioner Wolf made a motion to increase the wages of Candy Sauers, Deputy County Clerk, from \$14 per hour to \$16 per hour, while she was acting as County Clerk, effectively backdated to July 25, 2021. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion Carried, 3-0.

Michelle Callam from Community corrections stopped by to introduce Amy Meysenburg, the new Adult Community corrections officer in Ottawa County to the board.

Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at 10:34 a.m. for 15 minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners and Katrina Pollet. The group returned to regular session at 10:49 a.m. No decision made.

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 09, 2021

Office of the Ottawa County Clerk
8:00 a.m.
Regular Session

Commissioner Malmberg made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel at 10:51 a.m. for 15 minutes.

Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners and Katrina Pollet. The group returned to regular session at 11:06 a.m. No decision made.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk