

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 16, 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
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.

Commissioner Malmberg and Commissioner Wolf attended the Republican Committee meeting on Sunday, October 15th.

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count Saline County 28, and Ottawa County 5. Total 33 inmates.

Michelle Campbell came into the meeting.

At 8:24am Kenny Baccus, Keith Coleman, Chris Smith, Joe Mullen, Russ Thornton, Marilyn Heck, Marie Ballou, Truette McQueen, and Sara Hodges came into the commissioners meeting for a department head meeting.

Department Meeting

Malmberg discussed that she hasn't seen some departments on the agenda lately and would like to start seeing them quarterly. The commission could discuss budgets, concerns or issues and statements with departments. Wolf would like to see a rotating schedule with quarterly updates from departments. Malmberg informed departments to be on the agenda by Thursday at noon or wait until the next week. If an action is required, it needs to be presented with a request for action form and all documents need to be available to the commission. Wolf added that she would like to get an email of the request for action if a department has a request for action as well. Malmberg updated the Departments on health insurance. There will be no changes for the fiscal year 2024. Malmberg also discussed the county will be changing from monthly pay to go to bi-weekly pay as of December 25th. Malmberg said the commission will have 2024 raises figured out by mid-December. Malmberg wanted to encourage employees that are behind on their taxes to get with the treasurer for assistance on getting caught up. Wolf wanted to encourage Elected Officials to attend the Elected Officials meeting November 29th at 7pm. Mortimer asked if departments would now discuss things with the group. Maddox, county clerk discussed with departments about a budget class in Salina that would be beneficial for the department heads to attend. Maddox talked about an auction vendor called Public Surplus for departments to utilize if they have equipment that they would want to use an auction site. Coleman, facilities maintenance discussed the door project is nearing the end of construction. Smith, Road and Bridge Administrator said that 120th Rd. is completed. Sara Hodges, Health Director said that the flu vaccine is coming out slowly but surely. Mortimer asked Sheriff Thronton about the new 800MHZ radios. Thornton said they are about halfway done with the radio programing and getting it all set up. Baccus, Noxious Weed Director said he would like to see all the departments attend KAC conference in December. Copple, Treasurer asked if we could get the Capital Outlay plan to and discuss. Copple explained how the Equipment Capital outlay would work.

At 10:00am Kenny Baccus, Keith Coleman, Chris Smith, Joe Mullen, Russ Thornton, Marilyn Heck, Marie Ballou, Truette McQueen, and Sara Hodges left the meeting.

Steve Carlson came into the meeting.

Zoning Hearing

Every 8 years FEMA redoes their flood maps and wants us to implement the new map they provided the zoning board. There are 8 parcels that previously had LOMA's (Letter of map amendment) and have lost them with the new maps. Mortimer said he talked with Steve Carlson about this, and Carlson said he has spent a lot of money on getting a LOMA. Mortimer asked what happens if we don't pass it. McQueen said people want to be able to get flood insurance on a newly purchased home that is federally backed and they can't purchase if we don't sign the new map. There are 70 plus residents who will be moved out of the flood plain, and 8 residents that have a LOMA were moved back into the flood plain. The banks will make the homeowner have flood insurance to get a LOMA and it will be expensive without Federal backing. At the county level we will be on the bottom of the list for Federal help or

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emergency funding if we don't sign the new maps into use. Mortimer asked what Carlson can do moving forward. McQueen said he will have to get a surveyor to get him a new LOMA. Carlson said he has lived at the same residence for 50 plus years. He said in 1993 it was the highest the river has ever been. It only came up in the ditch. Carlson asked what this will do to my valuation. McQueen said it shouldn't change. No sales on the flood plains affect the values. Carlson asked if he could get a map so he can get a better understanding. Carlson would like to know where the measurements were taken. Malmberg asked when do we have to sign this. Carlson said you don't have to. Carlson asked when the flood plain would take effect. McQueen said December 15th they should be signed. Mortimer said he would like to give Carlson more time to find out what he wants to do, so we will postpone it. Wolf would like to have McQueen relay to FEMA that in the last 50 years it hasn't flooded at Carlson's.

Attorney

Richard Buck came into the meeting and asked for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for attorney client privilege to discuss confidential data including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Richard Buck. To return at 10:50am.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to keep the vacation amount of days the same for 2024 as what they are in 2023.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the October 9, 2023 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 207,260.08

County General	\$60,300.50
ARPA	\$371.25
County Capital Outlay	\$72,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$43,933.67
Solid Waste	\$8,065.05
Ottawa Co 911	\$764.40
Hospital Debt Service	\$1,500.00
Election	\$23.05
Noxious Weed	209.41
Aging	\$361.53
Fountain TWP	\$6,069.51
Morton TWP	\$966.09
Richland TWP	\$6,227.18
Sheridan TWP	\$1,703.56
County Health	\$1010.62
Appraiser	\$35.80
Deeds Tech Fund	\$294.54
FD #3 Delphos	\$709.81
FD #2 Minneapolis	\$55.03
Law Enforcement Center	\$2,659.09

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Clerk

Maddox gave the commission, the claims register, and minutes to approve.

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

Maddox gave the commission an invoice for the Election equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay \$54,560.00 out of the Election Capital outlay to cover Henry Atkins for new Election equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay Henry Atkins \$7,747 out of ARPA funds for new Election equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to amend the previous motion due to current figures that were presented after the original vote to say we will pay \$14,230 instead of \$7,747 out of ARPA funds for new election equipment.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to amend the previous motion of paying out of capital outlay to \$54,560 changed to pay \$48,077 out of Election Capital Outlay.

Commission will be attending the Museum meeting Tuesday at 4:00pm.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of October 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk