

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 3, 2022

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

County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk, JoDee Copple

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox

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

Cameron Stanley, as of September 25<sup>th</sup> resigned from the Ottawa County Zoning Board due to a move out of the county.

Commissioners Wolf and Malmberg attended the KAC Meeting at The Farm, downtown Minneapolis, Wednesday, October 8th.

Commissioner Malmberg called Stoney Runnion, USD 239 Bus Superintendent, to discuss possible rerouting the bus for the Doering Curve project come spring of 2023.

JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerk, discussed with the commission about the Ottawa County Transportation hours.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved Facilities Maintenance to put a bid in the amount of no more than, \$15,750 on a JLG 400s Lift.

**Sheriff**

Prisoner count, Ottawa County 5, Saline 20, Sedgwick 29. For a total of 54.

**Hearing**

Section 33 township 10 south range 2 west in Wells, Kansas. Order to vacate roads per Levi Walters represented by Tim Hart Schwab Eaton.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the October 3, 2022, minutes as presented.

**Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 40,038.20**

County General	\$13,777.20
Road & Bridge	\$4,809.56
Vehicle	\$5.67
Election	\$39.96
Bennington Twp Rd	\$2,450.00
Garfield Twp Rd	\$13,090.17
Historical	\$84.87
Jail Commissary	\$1,292.68
Law Enforcement	\$4,444.09

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## Payroll Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 188,606.29

County General	\$100,257.51
Road & Bridge	\$72,606.14
Vehicle	\$3,208.50
Noxious Weed	\$7,674.75
Aging	\$4,351.80
Historical	\$3,970.00
County Health	\$15,230.74
Appraiser	\$11,339.90
Law Enforcement	\$37,622.10
Payroll Clearing	\$67,655.15

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

**Public Comment:** No one present

## County Departments:

### Noxious Weed

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Director, talked with commission about brush control plans. Baccus gave commission two options. One option is in the spring to spray and wait two weeks and then mow the brush. The second option is to mow the brush and then spray the stumps. Malmberg said that the stumps should be sprayed within thirty minutes for the plant to die. Baccus doesn't think he can spray within 30 minutes after mowing for safety reasons. Malmberg said that with fuel prices it would be a waste of money. The end decision is to mow back the ditches this fall and then when the leaves are on in the spring Baccus will spray and kill the brush.

### Custodian/Maintenance

Marie Ballou, Custodian Maintenance Manager, and Dee Velasquez, Interim Head Custodian discussed with the commission about Dee staying on as the only custodian for the county. The commission will continue to contract out the grounds keeping.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved that Dee Velasquez become our official Head custodian as of 9/25/2022.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay out sick and vacation for Marie Ballou from when she was previously an hourly employee. This will be paid in the October payroll.

### Payroll

JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerk, brought in payroll claims to be signed off on. Copple also talked about the new time clock and employee portal. Mrs. Copple requested to go into executive session with the commission. On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected to discuss time clock including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and JoDee Copple.

### Clerk

County Clerk, Heather Maddox gave commissioner's abatements to approve.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session to discuss confidential data including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Richard Buck, County Attorney.

## Upcoming Meetings Commission attends:

THERE WILL BE NO COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> due to Commissioners attending the KAC Conference in Wichita October 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>

Department Head Meeting TBD

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:24am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 10th day of October 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Member

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D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

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Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk