

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 4, 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,
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg, by phone

Heather Maddox, County Clerk
Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Malmberg was attending the Kansas National Resource Coalition Meeting in Wichita to discuss the government's proposed 30/30, which is having control of 30% of US land by 2030, which is why she was participating by phone.

Reta Fae Kelly, Ken Kelly, Rick Shupe and Karl Leech came into the meeting.

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

Jody Parks Came into the meeting to request a reappointment of Hospital Board member Tom McGavern until December 2027. It was approved by the commission.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$136,952.83

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| County General | \$52,799.50 |
| Road & Bridge | \$4,793.34 |
| Solid Waste | \$3.15 |
| Noxious Weed | \$45.00 |
| Historical | \$71.52 |
| Law Enforcement Center | \$17,288.10 |
| Jail Commissary | \$165.98 |
| Minneapolis FD #1 | \$1,675.50 |
| County Health | \$1,799.54 |
| Aging | \$119.99 |
| Buckeye TWP Road | \$1,171.16 |
| Culver TWP Road | \$1,948.10 |
| Vehicle | \$625.00 |
| Appraiser | \$23.31 |
| Coronavirus Relief | \$45,805.00 |
| Ottawa County 911 Fund | \$356.38 |
| Employee Benefits | \$5,898.73 |
| Election | \$2,363.53 |

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

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

Public Comment:

Commissioner Wolf asked Reta Kelly if she would like to present to the commissioners. Kelly presented the commission with two tax statements she received. Kelly said the wrong computer program was used. As a result of this Kelly believes all of the additional tax dollars are unreported and not credited to the entities that levied. Kelly said there could be possible future implications such as an accounting discrepancy if the county were to get an audit.

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Wolf said that the county has an Audit every year. Kelly said she will wait to see what is found out. Kelly believes there is a solution to the problem that was created, the levies need to be plugged into the computer program correctly. Kelly said thank you for allowing her the time to speak about her concerns with this issue.

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count Saline County, 21 and Ottawa County 6. Total 27 inmates.

Sheriff Thornton asked for a 10-minute executive session. On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10- minute executive session for Employee Exception to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Sheriff Deputy Jerry Ziolkowski and Sheriff Russ Thornton. To return at 8:30. No decision made.

Wolf brought up the \$10,000 bonus that the Clerk took for the City/School election and asked how she came up with this amount. She said she wanted to share with the deputy clerk who was not allowed to have one. Wolf asked about next year with three elections instead of one, if she would still want \$10,000 or \$30,000. Maddox said she might not have budget enough to get one. Wolf then asked if she would have enough money this year to carry over the 20% each department was asked to carry over. Maddox said something would carry over, but probably not 20%.

JoDee Copple came into the meeting.

HR Campbell asked for a 10-minute executive session with Road and Bridge Smith, Treasurer Copple, Malmberg and Wolf for 10- minutes to discuss non-elected for employee exception to discuss non-elected personnel. Wolf moved and Malmberg seconded, motion passed with a unanimous vote. No decision made.

Commissioner's discussed how to reduce the sales tax receipts from departments that is still being paid.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Wolf and Malmberg attended the elected officials meeting on Wednesday, November 29th. Commission will attend Kansas Association of Counties Conference this week in Wichita, from December 5th-9th

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:45am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 11th day of December 2023.

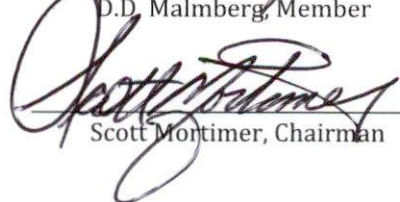
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS



Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman



D.D. Malmberg, Member



Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:



Heather Maddox, County Clerk