

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 17th 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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the July 10th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Commissioner Wolf received an email to confirm that HR Partners services has been cancelled.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$79,782.84

County General	\$7,896.11
Aging	\$1,088.18
Road & Bridge	\$34,568.61
Solid Waste	\$8,741.48
Ottawa Co 911	\$329.40
Health	\$12,041.93
Noxious Weed	\$1,895.20
Historical	\$14.00
Appraiser	\$37.09
Law Enforcement Center	\$2,423.27
Clerk Tech Fund	\$141.62
Employee Benefits	\$86.31
FD#1 O&L	\$55.30
FD#2 Minneapolis	\$133.40
FD #3 Delphos	\$1,829.95
Concord TWP	\$3,398.55
Garfield TWP	\$4,485.33

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

Commissioner Wolf attended the Bennington Recycling meeting on July 12th.

Commissioner Wolf and Mortimer attended the County Employee Potluck Picnic on Saturday July 15th in Markley Grove Park. There were around 40 people in attendance.

Public Comment:

Malmberg attended the Culver City Council meeting and Culver appointed a new council member and hired a City Clerk for their vacant position.

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County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 5.

Road and Bridge

The commissioners signed off on an agreement from the Secretary of Transportation on the replacement of the bridge on Laramie Rd, .03 miles west of Minneapolis, KS over Pipe Creek in Ottawa County, Kansas.

Emergency Management

Marie Ballou, came into the meeting to discuss with the commission about the after-action report/improvement plan for cybersecurity. Ballou asked the commission for an executive session. On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for non-elected to discuss personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Ballou and Michelle Campbell, HR. To return at 9:36am.

Human Resources

Michelle Campbell reported what she found out with the wage study.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by 2-1 vote the Board approved to allocate \$14,950 to a wage study with the Arnold Group to be paid out of ARPA.

Yay-Mortimer, Yay-Wolf, Nay-Malmberg.

Michelle will contact the Arnold group and get the process started.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to allocate \$5,000 of ARPA funds to complete the necessary steps for the gift of the Blue Store for the new location of the County Museum.

Attorney

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

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 30-minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege for a Consultation with counsel for the board including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Richard Buck with a call to KCAMP. To return at 10:31am.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session for 15-minutes for Attorney Client Privilege for a Consultation with counsel for the board, including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Richard Buck with a call to KCAMP. To return at 10:36am.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to take a 10-minute break and return at 11:00am.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Richard Buck as the County Public Information Officer.

Michelle Callum with the 28th Judicial District Community Corrections returned a call to the commissioners and they let her know that the commission has voted and will no longer require the services of the Community Corrections for the 2024 year to help reduce the budget.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend: Commissioners will be meeting with Scot Loyd to go over the 2024 budget with department heads on Monday, July 31st.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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ADOPTED this 24th day of July 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