

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 3rd 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

Brittney Kindall, 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 Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the June 26th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Commissioner Wolf brought in figures she tabulated from the Ambulance districts. This will show what each district should be getting for their annual disbursement.

Commission discussed a permit they received in the mail from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, to increase the current feed lot east of Ada in Fountain Township from 28,000 to 35,000 head.

Commissioner Mortimer opened mail from FEMA about the Flood plains.

Commission called Deb Ohlde, with North Central Kansas Regional Planning about the Safe Streets and Roads Grant. The county will participate with 8 other counties with NCKRP writing the grant.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$43,136.60

County General	\$1,256.76
Road & Bridge	\$9,022.38
Solid Waste	\$25,758.45
Community Emergency	\$3,950.00
Bennington TWP	\$2,100.00
Buckeye TWP	\$803.25
Historical	\$43.51
Appraiser	\$170.00
Law Enforcement Center	\$32.25

Visa Claims: Totaling \$ 5,660.94

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Commissioner Wolf attended the Cyber Security Meeting at the Courthouse.

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 5.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff, came into the commission meeting to discuss a department update. Thornton said he called Commissioner Mortimer over the weekend about the administration area air conditioner at the jail. Thornton called Callabresi Heating and Cooling to come in. Malmberg asked how old the air conditioner was, Thornton said 10+

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years, it is the last one to be replaced in the original building. Thornton said that he looked into the rules and regulations for housing Juveniles in the jail. Thornton said that there is no way the jail is suitable for housing juveniles. Thornton said there had been a few highspeed chases over the weekend. Malmberg said the Lincoln County lady that has been throwing used cat litter out on highway 18, for years is still doing it. Malmberg and Wolf asked what could be done about it. Thornton said that it would be up to the attorney.

Road and Bridge

Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Administrator, Joe Mullen, Road Supervisor, and Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator came into the commission meeting. Smith asked the commission what they have planned for the Noxious Weed and Highway Department coming together as one department, because Baccus and Smith need to be on the same page moving forward. Smith wanted the commission to discuss with both parties their intentions. Mortimer said that the only reason they asked for Smith to get his spray license was in case Baccus left or was unable to do his duties for an extended period of time, the Weed Department would be covered. Smith said that at this moment he doesn't see a reason for him to take over the Noxious Weed Department. Mortimer said the reason it was discussed was because during the winter there is down time in the weed department. Baccus said there is always down time in any department you have even if it's at the courthouse. Malmberg asked what do you do on windy days during the summer, Baccus said they check signs or survey sections that are required by the state to get done, they look at fields, or they dig up thistles. Mortimer said there isn't any reason to combine at this time. Malmberg said as long as she doesn't have any constituents saying that the Noxious Weed Department isn't staying busy, she is okay with it.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employment including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Richard Buck, JoDee Copple, and Michelle Campbell. To return at 9:54am.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session for 5-minutes for non-elected personnel to discuss employment including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Richard Buck, JoDee Copple, and Michelle Campbell. To return at 9:59am.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved Payroll.

Attorney

Richard Buck came into the commissioners meeting to discuss the IT, cyber security class that emergency management put on last week. Commission discussed Public Information Officer duties, policies, IT/Cyber security policies that need to be implemented.

Taylor Belville Deputy City Clerk came into the meeting to have the commissioners and the clerk sign off on the new sunrise addition plat map.

Clerk

Heather Maddox, County Clerk, discussed with the commission about bids from the door signs for the offices. Maddox gave the commission bids from Central Office Supply, Gleason, and Quill.

Commissioners decided to keep HR Partners for another month before phasing it out.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:13am on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 10th 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