

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 6, 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

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Heather Maddox, County Clerk Third

District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

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

## County Departments:

### Sheriff

Prisoner count Saline County, 32 and Ottawa County 5. Total 37 inmates.

### Clerk

Heather Maddox gave the commission minutes and invoices to look over.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$123,981.97

County General	\$11,028.38
ARPA	\$66,600.00
Road & Bridge	\$9,095.13
Solid Waste	\$24,600.00
Ottawa Co 911	\$356.38
Election	\$8,002.73
Noxious Weed	\$847.43
Center Twp	\$2,915.49
Diversion	\$50.00
County Health	\$175.00
Appraiser	\$28.45
Register of Deeds Tech Fund	\$264.00
Law Enforcement Center	\$18.98

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

Karl Leech came into the meeting.

Maddox discussed with the Commission about the budget training her, Chris Smith, Sara Hodges, and JoDee Copple attended last week. Maddox and Copple discussed with the commission about things that would be beneficial to have implemented for Ottawa County. Copple discussed with commission about hosting a Strategic Planning Retreat for all department heads and the commission. Commission commented that this could help with employee morale. Maddox and Copple will see what they can come up with in the next few weeks and they will get back to the commission.

### Health Department

Sara Hodges discussed with the Commission about Meals on Wheels. Commission would like to see a link on the Ottawa County Web page for the meals that are available to constituents. If someone would like to order meals from the senior center, you can call 785-392-3338 by 10am and order for the day to get a meal. The senior centers also have monthly menus you can pick up.

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## Appraiser

Truette McQueen came into the commission meeting and discussed disaster relief. McQueen asked the commission to approve the application for disaster relief for an abatement on a home that burnt down.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a disaster relief for 314 N Main St. in Culver Ks.

Heather Poorman and Phil Hayes with the Arnold Group came into the meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the October 30th, 2023 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 30-minute executive session for Personnel Exemption to discuss non-elected to go over the wage study including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg Copple, Campbell, Poorman, and Hayes. To return at 10:20 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the previous executive session 30-minutes for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected to go over wage study including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Copple, Campbell, Poorman and Hayes. To return at 10:50 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the previous executive session 15-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected to go over the wage study including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Copple, Cambell, Poorman and Hayes. To return at 11:07 am.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for Personnel Exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Copple, Campbell, Poorman, and Hayes. To return at 11:20

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the solid waste exemption for Evelyn Berndt 1291 Apache Dr. in Tescott.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:23am on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk