

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 4th, 2024

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,

Karl Leech

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute. Karl Leech came into the meeting.

County Departments:

Museum

Jim Kay, Museum President came into the meeting at 8:03 a.m. Wolf said the commission is waiting for the wage study to be finalized before any employee wage will change. Mortimer said the commission is meeting with the Arnold group next week. The commission will know more after that meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to sell the South 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet on the North 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ of lots five (5) and six (6), in block two, original town of Minneapolis, Ottawa County Kansas for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). These funds will be put into the Museum expansion fund. Mortimer moved for a 5-minute break from 8:47 a.m. 8:53 a.m. Malmberg seconded. Board approved unanimously.

Katie Vanderhoff and Owen Kindall, with Choose Ottawa County came into the meeting at 8:53 a.m. Vanderhoff gave the commission a quarterly update on what the organization has been doing and goals for the 2024 year they also mentioned that North Central Regional Planning Commission has grant money available for EMT. Russ Thornton came into the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Vanderhoff and Kindall left at 9:29 a.m.

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 7.

Keith Coleman came into the meeting at 9:27 a.m. Thornton discussed the Hartman Masonry bid that came back in the amount of \$16,100. This will replace the administrator office door and the kitchen door in the jail.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the bid from Hartman Masonry L.L.C. for two doors and frames in the amount of \$16,100. Coleman left the meeting at 9:37 a.m. Thornton discussed the School Resource Officer position for USD 239 and USD 240 with the commission. Karl Leech left at 9:43 a.m.

Thornton discussed a legal matter. County Counselor Montoya notified him of an attorney from Salina County that is already representing this case. Thornton wants to use this attorney as well. Thornton discussed the K-9 with the commission. Thornton left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Human Resources

Michelle Campbell came into the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and helped commission get on the County Server so they are able to view CIC software. Campbell asked for an executive session including the Clerk for personnel exemption.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Maddox, and Campbell to return at 10:30 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the February 26th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved payroll.

Clerk

Heather Maddox, Clerk gave the commission mail, abatements, and the claims register to sign.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 94,519.73

County General	\$3,237.74
Road & Bridge	\$28,252.06
Solid Waste	\$27,000.00
Special Bridge	\$6,500.00

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County Health	\$4,926.88
Law Enforcement Center	\$368.74
Buckeye TWP Road	\$2,364.32
Culver TWP Road	\$3,282.50
Garfield TWP Road	\$7,287.50
Ottawa TWP Road	\$3,728.01
Stanton TWP Road	\$1,654.93
Employee Benefits	\$40.00
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$728.48
F.D. #2 MPLS General	\$3,048.21
Election	\$2,100.00

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

Commission discussed the city bill for the new museum and what budget it should come from since the museum budget can't sustain it. Commission discussed with the clerk about purchasing meals for employees.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Malmberg attended Kansas Farm Bureau meeting February 27, 2024. She informed them on what the Kansas Natural Resource Coalition is how they are helping Kansas counties. She confirmed that Mesonet system had been purchased for Ottawa County. They talked about issues farmers and ranchers are having with burning in Ottawa County and the river project on Rifle Road.

Malmberg moved for a 10-minutes break to go down the hall and speak with the county attorney. Mortimer seconded and it passed unanimously. Wolf called Mike Montoya, Ottawa County Council to discuss the County Attorney's role as County Counselor per statute. Montoya will call Buck and let the commission know what they determined.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 11th day of February 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk