

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 28, 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

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Doug Plummer, Brandon Copple

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

Doug Plummer discussed with the commission about burying a powerline for the carnival rides due to safety reasons. Plummer said that the total was \$2,805. Commissioner Mortimer asked what was left to pay on it? Plummer said the total due is \$1,850.

Commissioner Mortimer called Dave Sweat on the phone to discuss who is going to pay for the remainder. Sweat said that the city was not in the agreement. JoDee Copple came into the meeting at 8:12 a.m. Mortimer asked Sweat to get the amount from Mark Smith and what the labor will be and call the commission back.

Commission opened up mail from Geary County Commissioners discussing a concern regarding contracting with Secure Care Facilities in Junction City for our juvenile detainees.

Commission opened mail from the Air Force civil engineer, final environmental impact statement.

Dave Sweat called Mortimer back at 8:21 a.m. Sweat said that the total bid of \$2,580 was the correct amount not the \$2,508 that was previously stated. Sweat told the commission that the city will do the labor for this project.

Malmberg called Brian Kindall, Fair Board Treasurer at 8:22 a.m. Malmberg discussed with Kindall the amount and asked if the Fair Board had planned on helping the carnival committee. Kindall thinks they should move forward. Kindall said that he will reach out to Sheldon Daugherty, President, to see what he has to say.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the updated policy for the courthouse meeting room to include the original sentence stating no private parties allowed.

Greg Watkins with WATCO Benefit Group, came into the meeting at 8:27a.m. Watkins discussed with the commission about employee benefit and how changes could be made to the county health insurance. Malmberg asked what counties WATCO works with now. Watkins said he works with Phillips, Osage, and Brown Counties. Malmberg asked what their fees would be per month. Watkins said the fee is \$500 a month from July 1, 2024 through January 1, 2025 after which it will be 10% of the stop loss, approximately \$2000 a month. Malmberg asked if the rates would be increasing. Watkins said it depends on the performance of the plan, and depending on the stop loss. Watkins left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Malmberg received a text from Brian Kindall stating that Sheldon Daughtry and Kindall didn't feel it was the Fair Board's place to fund the project, the Fair Board has written a grant and will not be putting money in for this project.

Commission discussed that it would be best to fund half the project.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to allocate \$790 out of ARPA Funds to the Ottawa County Service Corporation to move on the burying of an electrical line at the fairgrounds.

The Commission asked Clerk Maddox if the credit cards had been paid prior to the Commission and the County Counselor signing off on them. The Clerk answered yes. The group discussed how this issue can be prevented in the future.

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County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 6.

Clerk

Heather Maddox gave the commission invoices and minutes.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the May 20th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

Commissioner Malmberg told the Clerk that she learned that every 4 years the County Auditor should be changed. We have had the same auditor for the last 4 years. Clerk Maddox stated she would work on getting that changed.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$43,215.17

County General	\$23,415.82
Road & Bridge	\$6,635.05
Noxious Weed	\$8,629.74
County Health	\$2,233.06
Law Enforcement Center	\$97.50
Diversion	\$43.23
Appraiser	\$1,052.99
Employee Benefits	\$616.80
Attorney Training	\$235.98
Election	\$255.00

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

Attorney

Richard 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 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss consultation with attorney for body including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Buck and Campbell. To return at 9:55 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay \$3,000 to MKEC Engineering out of the Museum Expansion Fund to have an engineer look at the Blue Store's structure. During discussion commission agreed to reimburse the \$3,000 back to the Museum Expansion Fund with ARPA funds.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend: Wolf and Mortimer attended the Museum Board meeting with Keith Coleman, facilities Maintenance.

Wolf attended the Kansas Attraction Grant award for Rock City in the amount of \$4,153 from Kansas Commerce Meeting was at 4 p.m. on Wednesday May 23rd. Katie Vanderhoff with Choose Ottawa County wrote the grant for this project.

Wolf called Museum Board Member Jerry Schmidt to update him on the motion to pay for the structural engineer for the Blue Store.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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ADOPTED this 3rd day of June 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk