

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 29, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg and County Clerk, Heather Maddox all present.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and led the opening prayer and flag salute.

Clerk Maddox called Commissioner Wolf as she was unable to attend in person. Wolf attended the meeting via a phone call.

Commissioner Malmberg and Commissioner Wolf attended a Fence Viewing Seminar in Junction City on Tuesday evening, August 23rd.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported doing yard maintenance, planting grass at the courthouse and helping the jail set up a new intercom system, along with other routine business.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Minneapolis 1, Ottawa County 3, Saline County 18, Sedgwick County 28. Sheriff Thornton found a company that writes grants called Lexipol. Account Executive and Grant Writer for Lexipol, Carrie Schneider said they could write grants for the Sheriff's Dept on a 2-year contract of \$6,000. This could help with the cost of keeping equipment updated and could help with other expenses.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator and Chris Smith, Road Supervisor discussed with the commissioners about a contract to straighten the Doering Curve. Commissioners signed the contract. Mr. Dockins let the commissioners know that the auction for the Dura Patcher will end tomorrow. Workers are continuing with mowing. Mr. Dockins also discussed a new tractor for mowing. It is in the Kansas City area and only has 1958 hours on it.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Mr. Dockins, Mr. Smith and Clerk Maddox. The group returned to regular session at 9:31am.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator discussed the new Brush Control Pan for Ottawa County. Mr. Baccus coordinated with Road and Bridge to mow ditches and follow with a sprayer to kill off Sumac, Buck Brush, and Cedar Seedlings. The Road and Bridge department will avoid this area for two weeks to allow chemicals to take affect. This is a new plan put in place now and going forward.

JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerk/Treasurer, gave commissioners the payroll to sign off on. Commissioners approved it. Treasurer Copple talked about the Thanksgiving potluck the courthouse will have on November 23rd for the Ottawa County employees.

Todd Heitschmidt, from district court came in and asked about the court's budget. Commissioners let Mr. Heitschmidt know that Scot Loyd will be in on September 6th if he would like to come in and discuss the budget then.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management asked Chairperson Malmberg to sign off on a grant that she is trying to obtain for Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) for the Ottawa County Fire Departments, EMS, and Law Enforcement.

Commissioners reviewed minutes from August 22, 2022. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:01am. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk