

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

February 13th, 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

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and Nathan Hyde led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the February 6, 2023 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$241,731.68

County General	\$156,779.41
Road & Bridge	\$52,950.96
Solid waste	\$7,940.68
Ottawa County 911	\$814.95
Vehicle	\$1,365.00
Noxious weed	\$927.59
Aging	\$1,127.22
Buckeye TWP	\$10,893.45
Diversion	\$1,500.00
County Health	\$117.40
Appraiser	\$34.63
FD #3 DEL	\$9.39
Commissary	\$421.12
Law enforcement	\$6,849.88

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

Public Comment: No one was present.

County Departments:

Road and Bridge

Chris Smith Road and Bridge Administrator, and Joe Mullen, Road and Bridge supervisor came into the commission meeting and talked to them about PPE for the shop. Smith and Mullen went to Vanderbilts in Salina to see about getting vouchers for boots, safety shirts and hoodies. Commission looked at what Smith and Mullen have found for PPE at Vanderbilt's. Commission tabled this for next week. Smith asked commission to purchase 8 new weed eaters for the upcoming mowing season. Commission approved.

Gloria Comfort, and Dianne Neustrom, Greg Salisbury came into the commission meeting. Comfort asked that the commission post a speed limit sign on Aspen Rd. coming from the East. Mortimer said he went out on Thursday afternoon and saw there was one speed limit sign coming from the West. Mortimer said there shouldn't be a problem getting signs. Commission wanted to know when the last study was done, Comfort said she thinks there hasn't been one since she has lived there. Malmberg and Wolf discussed it was 3 years ago.

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Appraiser

Truette McQueen, Appraiser, came into the meeting and asked to go into an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personal to discuss hiring including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Truette McQueen.

Sheriff

Prisoner count: Ottawa County 4, Saline County 26, Sedgwick 19, for a total of 49.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff and Tyler Vancoevern, Undersheriff came into the commission meeting to talk about the maximum speed limit on gravel and dirt roads. Statute says that the maximum is 55 on all gravel and dirt roads. Mortimer asked Vancoevern what his opinion was on the statute, K.S.A. 8-1560. Vancouver said if you want to get a traffic study and/or an engineering investigation, it will cost a sizeable amount.

Noxious Weed

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, came into the commissioner's meeting to have them sign off on job descriptions. Commission approved. Baccus talked about a grant option for the commission to look at for a river walk by the dam, southwest side of Minneapolis by the ball field area. The deadline to submit grant applications are February 28th.

Kevin Jones came into commission meeting. He discussed with the commission about getting a dilapidated housing refund for the landfill. Wolf said you must first replace it with something worth more to be eligible.

Health Department

Sara Hodges, Health Department Administrator came into the commission meeting to go over job descriptions and gave a Health Department update.

Facilities Maintenance

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for trade secrets to discuss purchasing real estate, including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Keith Coleman.

Fair Board Meeting

Owen Kindall, Sheldon Daugherty, John Heald, Dave Sweat, Kenny Baccus, Joe Mullen, Chris Smith was all present for the fair board meeting.

Daugherty talked about mowing around the fairgrounds with Smith. Mortimer asked if the county does take care of the whole asphalt circle around the fair grounds. Daugherty said yes. Kindall talked to Baccus about spraying areas around the fair grounds. Baccus will continue to do so without the board paying to the county. Daugherty would like to utilize the space for camper hook-ups for the road working crews.

Malmberg asked if renters pay the fair board a rental fee for using the camper hook-ups. Daugherty said yes. Daugherty said they would like to add more animal wash bays. Mortimer asked about how the keypad worked out for the restrooms. Rec board and Fair board agree it is very useful. Daugherty said after the windstorm knocked down some fence around the arena, they will need to replace the fence around the arena. Kindall said they hope to get a fence up around the t-ball field to make it multi-use. Kindall presented an improvement request for the fence at the t-ball field, Mortimer, Daugherty, Heald, and Sweat signed off on the request.

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

ADOPTED this 21st day of February 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