

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 8:00 am and Nathaniel Foust with the Baptist Parish for Ada/Minneapolis led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

Malmberg attended the Bennington Fire Board Meeting Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Bennington Fire Meeting Room. Keith Coleman, Facilities Maintenance Manager gave an update on the door hinges that commission asked him to look into. Coleman said there isn't a straight fix for the hinges.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the bid from Interstate Glass Company to replace the glass on the north and south entry ways from top to bottom and the doors on the east and west to make the courthouse more efficient and for the doors to be able to function properly. In the amount of \$102,834.00 to come out of capital outlay.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented.

## Claims for Approval: Totaling \$91,160.50

County General	\$23,861.54
Road & Bridge	\$27,789.26
Special Bridge	\$700.00
Solid waste	\$6,702.52
Ottawa Co 911	\$814.72
Noxious Weed	\$498.54
Aging	\$1,259.45
Concord TWP	\$16,096.72
Health Department	\$1,188.90
Appraiser	\$81.20
FD#2 MPLS	\$4,010.00
Jail Commissary	\$156.91
Law enforcement	\$8,00.74

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

## County Departments:

### Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 5, Saline County 26, Sedgwick 21, for a total of 52

### Appraiser

Truette McQueen, Appraiser came into the meeting to talk to the commission about re-appointments for the Zoning Board On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to re-appoint Chris Lawson and Martha Tasker for 3-year terms.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for confidential data including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Maddox and Copple.

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

## **Noxious Weed**

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Director presented the commission the 2023 Management Plan and the Annual Noxious Weed eradication report for 2022

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 HR matters including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Baccus and Copple.

## **Emergency Management**

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management discussed with the commission about a HazMat IQ class for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders at the Tescott Fire Department on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm - 10:30pm. Ballou asked when to start mowing for the spring/summer of the courthouse lawn.

Phil Balch, Wildhorse Riverworks INC. came into the meeting. Commission went out to look at 3 places where the river is eroding near roadways, on Rifle Rd at Crosson Farms on the curve of Frontier and 150<sup>th</sup>, and ½ mile west of Niles. Commission, Balch, Smith, Mullen, and Maddox left the courthouse at 10:00am and returned to the commission room at 1:20pm. Balch will draft up ideas and solutions. Balch will email those to Smith when he can get them done.

## **Clerk**

Heather Maddox, Clerk gave the commission invoices, abatements, and mail.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 20th day of March 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