

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 1, 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

Michelle Campbell

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.

Commission discussed Credit Card Policies with the Clerk.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay the Presidential Preference Primary election pay roll.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay the March pay roll register.

Keith Coleman came into the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count 7 inmates. Thornton came into the meeting at 8:56 a.m. Thornton discussed a MOU between the Sheriff's department and the Ottawa County USD's for the School Resource Officer.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the SRO agreement with Ottawa County USD 239 and USD 240.

Sheriff Thornton asked for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session for Employee exemption to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Thornton, and HR, Michelle Campbell. To return at 9:37 a.m.

Maintenance

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager discussed that the state fire Marshall changed the laws on the elevators. Coleman discussed how the changes will affect the county. Coleman also discussed information he receives from Kansas Gas Company. They are changing to electric meters, and this will impact the county \$4,668 upfront and approximately \$440 a year after that. Commission discussed the mowing bids for the courthouse yard. Coleman will replace the remaining screens on the courthouse when it warms up.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept Lawn Master bid for mowing for the 2024 mowing season of \$130 a week.

Public Works

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for employee exemption to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Mullen, Campbell, and Smith. To return at 10:03 a.m.

Smith discussed a letter he received from the historical society about the bridge on Laramie Road. Smith stated that the historical society would like to see the railing in the county somewhere, but isn't mandatory. Commission said that they would get ahold of the museum and Choose Ottawa County to see if they have an idea of where to put the railing. Smith said that the highway department has applied for the grant to repave 170th road south of K-18 highway to Saline County line 3.4 miles. If the grant is approved the county will still have to come up with \$736,000 out of the budget.

Brandon Sauers, Noxious Weed discussed with the commission about bids for chemicals. Commission said they would like to see three proposed for chemicals before proceeding with ordering.

Commission called Marie Ballou to come up to the meeting.

Emergency Management

Marie Ballou came into the commission at 11:06 a.m. Commission stated that Ballou should be getting the supplies for the fist aid kits around the courthouse and get them filled up. Commission would like Ballou to give them an update when the project is finished.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$296,242.67

County General	\$12,921.59
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Road & Bridge	\$16,830.17
Solid Waste	\$27,000
Vehicle	63.12
Building Fund	9,300.00
Bennington TWP Road	250.00
Noxious Weed	\$264.45
County Health	\$3,943.87
Center TWP Road	5,695.50
Fountain TWP Road	11,345.93
Richland TWP Road	2,748.69
Diversion	332.84
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,167.70
Employee Benefits	\$135,854.37
Jail comm	\$286.18
Historical	\$160.12
Appraiser	4,358.85\$
Payroll Clearing	\$63,478.34
Minneapolis Fire #2	\$240.95

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

Commissioner Wolf talked to Jay Wisbey, Crop Specialist with KSU Extension and discussed the proposed site for the Mesonet system being East of Minneapolis.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the March 25th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 8th day of April 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk