

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 24th, 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,
Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk
Heather Maddox, County Clerk
Cynthia Smart

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and Cynthia Smart 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 April 17th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Commissioners Wolf and Mortimer attended the legislative coffee with Elaine Bowers and Susan Concanon Saturday April, 22 in Delphos.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$109,393.15

County General	\$6734.24
ARPA	\$6,099.94
Road & Bridge	\$12,801.04
Solid Waste	\$392.90
Ottawa County 911	\$64.08
Vehicle	\$2,671.26
Election	\$349.48
Building Fund	\$19,316.01
Noxious Weed	\$21,636.29
Aging	\$3,650.36
Buckeye TWP	\$793.15
Morton TWP	\$1,248.35
Sherman TWP	\$7,788.56
Diversion	\$340.00
County Health	\$1,136.14
Appraiser	\$1,642.66
Commissary	\$157.77
Prosecutor Training Fund	\$1,068.90
FD#2 MPLS	\$26,729.95
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,909.09

Visa Claims: Totaling \$ 7,137.02

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County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 4, Saline County 22, for a total of 26.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff, came into the commission meeting to discuss the School Recourse Officer for USD 240 with Pam Irwin. Thornton said the grant will help with the salary of the employee, there will be a 30/70 split. The 30% would be the County portion, and the 70% would be what the grant will cover for a total of 3 years. This would be a salaried position but will require a 45-hr work week. Anything over the 45 hours would be considered compensation time. There will be a 40-hr. officer training class every year for this position. Each year the salary would go up, starting out it would be \$11,000 for the county/ school district share but after the split it would be \$5,500 each. They are estimating the salary line would increase by \$1,000 each year. Any time this individual/employee isn't working at the school they would be utilized in the sheriff's office. The start-up cost for this position would be split between the county and USD 240. There will be a Memorandum of Understanding between the county and USD 240. Thornton said the only thing that would take time would be to get a transportation vehicle the cost would be split between the two entities. The individual/employee Thornton would be seeking is a certified law enforcement officer, this would save time and money. The only catch is this is a 3-year grant. The 4th year would be idle until the grant rolls around again in the 5th year. This would be a great thing for the school system and the county said Thornton. Mortimer said that he has heard about surrounding schools doing this and it was a great thing. Mortimer said there are a lot of things changing and he thinks this is a good thing to move forward with. Thornton is asking for a letter of recommendation from the commissioners to move forward with the grant, which the Commissioners have agreed to provide. USD 239 school district is applying for this same grant with the Minneapolis police department.

Road and Bridge

Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Administrator, and Mark Smith City of Minneapolis Utilities Director brought the commission a building permit for the power poles for the new roads in the Sunrise addition for the city of Minneapolis.

Clerk

Heather Maddox, County Clerk gave commission an evaluation for her employee.

Glenna Phillips with Central Kansas Mental Health Center presented the budget for 2024.

Michelle Callam with the 28th Judicial district asked the commission to sign off on a grant.

Phil Hays with the Arnold Group, and Heather Poorman came into the commission meeting to present a wage study proposal. Commission will discuss at a later date.

Attorney

Richard Buck discussed with the commissioners about the building permit with the city of Minneapolis. Buck approved the building permit for the right of way for the city to build more power poles for the Sunrise Addition. Buck gave a letter of support for the COPS Grant on the commission's behalf.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss a potential HR position including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend for another 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss HR position including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend: Wolf and Malmberg will be attending the KCCA this week in Hays, April 25th – April 27th

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Mortimer will be attending a meeting with Jonnie Adams, Architectural & Construction Services LLC., and Bri Beck grant writer with North Central Regional Planning April 24th at 2pm at the Blue Store.

ADOPTED this 1st day of May 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