

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 18, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg and County Clerk, Vicki Jensen.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with opening prayer and flag salute.

Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Mortimer, Commissioner Malmberg and Vicki Jensen, County Clerk attended the 8:00 am Tracy Mann Townhall Meeting at The Farm.

Those present at the commissioners meeting were Richard Buck, County Attorney Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator and Tommy Barrett.

Tommy Barrett was present to inquire about the county mowing contract. Commissioner Mortimer handed out a draft contract that was discussed. Barrett will review the contact, investigate insurance coverage and return May 2nd to discuss details. Mowing map will be coordinated with Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator.

Commissioner Malmberg had a call from a township trustee that said there was a resolution from the 1990's that prohibits "pulling ditches" without talking to township trustees.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator reported we will be receiving \$74,772.94 from Federal Fund Exchange for Special Highway Fund. Culvert and ditch work continues. Shoulder machine has been delivered, but waiting on Caterpillar to come and set it up.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator presented Resolution 22-11 for Local Disaster Emergency & Proclamation. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept Resolution 22-11 for the Local Disaster Emergency for the Ada fire. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Marie has planned an "After Action" meeting scheduled with the Fire Chiefs, Law Enforcement and EMS to discuss the Ada fire.

INA Alert, (Instant Notification Alert) representative Jacob Strucker explained their Kansas built business located in Ellinwood, KS. They work with multiple counties in the state and have worked with the equipment currently in the sheriff's office. Russ Thornton, County Sheriff is considering the bid for support presented by INA Alert.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 5, Saline County 16, Sedgwick County 27. Riley County is interested in a possible contract with Ottawa County. Russ has a new annual contract with Saline County with an increase to \$40 per inmate per day. Sedgwick County has not renewed at this point, but will renew soon. Ottawa County will increase to \$40 per inmate per day. Last week during the fire south of Ada, Russ said communication was not acceptable between the fire chiefs and dispatch. They need to upgrade their radios. The fire departments need 800 radios for better communication and the sheriff's department still needs 3. Costs for the 800 radios are approximately \$1,000 for handhelds and \$2,500 for vehicle radio.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to take a 5-minute break. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kristina Dietrick, HR Partners updated the commissioners about her role with JoDee Copple, Treasurer/Payroll Clerk. HR Partners is currently working on Job Descriptions, Compliance One random drug testing and the new Employee Handbook. Exit interviews will be conducted and shared with upper management. Kristina asked why the Health Department had not changed their email address to ottawacounty.org, they are still using gmail accounts.

Minutes from April 11, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Abatements were presented, reviewed and initialed by the commissioners.

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Commissioners will attend the Kansas Association of County Commissioners (KACC) Conference, April 26 thru April 28, 2022 in Salina.

Letter from the Cultural Resources Division, State Historic Preservation Office was received informing Ottawa County that the property at Grace Bedell House will be considered by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review for nomination to the Register of Historic Kansas Places.

Commissioner Wolf will send an email to Reid Petty, District Director for Tracy Mann and ask for information and financial assistance for fixing riverbank erosion.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:20. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk