

## Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

February 28, 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 8:00 am with opening prayer and flag salute.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer gave the commissioners payroll register to sign. JoDee and commissioners discussed the payroll clerk duties and how this position will interact with HR Partners. Payroll Clerk position description and pay will be discussed next week.

Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC came to discuss consulting for dispersing ARPA Funds. The commissioners will have Richard Buck, County Attorney, review the contract and sign it as soon as possible. Commissioners also asked if Scot was interested in helping us learn the budget process. Scot will email some information for review.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator reported crew activities for the week. Commissioners approved the Road & Bridge crew working 10-hour days starting March 28 for summer hours. Hiring an employee vs finding a contractor for mowing field edges was discussed. Commissioners reviewed a mowing contract from another county. Greg will write an ad for the paper to be reviewed next week.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried.

Sara Hodges, Aging & County Council on Aging along with Phil Amick, Judith Swagerty, Bennington Senior Center, Gary Sechrist, Ada Senior Center, Joan Sullivan & Sandy Slater, Niles Senior Center and George Powell, Ada Senior Center. Sara presented the 2022 Senior Center Apportionments. Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept the following disbursements: \$2,500 to Ada Senior Center, \$6,000 to Bennington Senior Center, \$2,000 to Delphos Senior Center, \$19,100 to Golden Wheel Senior Center and \$2,400 to Niles Senior Center. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried.

Department Heads Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed, Russ Thornton, Sheriff, Tyler VanCoevern, Undersheriff, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management, Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, Sara Hodges, Health Department, and Truette McQueen, County Appraiser joined the meeting. Commissioners informed department heads that they have signed a contract with HR Partners for human resource services and JoDee Copple will continue to do payroll. Kristina Deitrick, HR Partners President will contact each department head for an overview of how their service will work. Vicki Jensen, County Clerk has re-calculated all sick and vacation leave from January 2021 to February 2022. Vicki will email each employee's time to the respective department head for review.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 1, Saline County 20, Sedgwick County 29. Discussion about radio service and what it would take to upgrade our system.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to take a 5-minute break. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried.

Vicki Jensen, County Clerk presented abatements for approval.

Commissioners discussed fence viewing rules and how to proceed with a current issue.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to purchase a mobile TV stand, for the clerk/election office TV, for use in the commissioner's room. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:23. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried.

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ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Member

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D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

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Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk