

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 27th, 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

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and Wolf led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Mark Walker to the zoning board.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to add a desk to the current furniture order.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the March 20th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$50,558.73

County General	\$4,009.48
Coronavirus Relief	\$3,950.00
Road & Bridge	\$10,059.32
Solid waste	\$4.20
FEMA	\$15,150.87
Vehicle	\$33.36
Election	\$2,100.00
Noxious Weed	\$110.51
Aging	\$889.77
Morton TWP	\$326.40
County Health	\$14.96
Appraiser	\$144.52
Technology Fund – Register of Deeds	\$372.50
Employee Benefits	\$8,565.00
Law Enforcement Center	\$4,827.84

Visa Claims: Totaling \$5,879.98

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

County Departments:

Noxious Weed

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator presented to the commission chemical bids.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved chemical purchases as discussed.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for non-elected employees to discuss employment including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Baccus.

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Road and Bridge

Chris Smith Road and Bridge Administrator, and Joe Mullen, Road Supervisor, brought the commission a list of equipment that they would need for the Road and Bridge department. Smith talked about how a few trucks aren't in good shape. Mortimer discussed how the road and bridge budget got cut 50k last year and 100k the year before, maybe they could use ARPA funds to help upgrade trucks with it. Smith discussed selling trailers and trucks to help with the cost selling 3 dump trucks, 3 pups, and a semi. They will replace 1 semi and 2 dump trucks.

Emergency Management

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Director, brought up the County Emergency Operations Plan for the commission to sign.

Smith continued with an update from Phil Balch with Wildhorse Riverworks, Inc. about the river erosion on Rifle Rd and Frontier Rd. Commission asked Smith to get ahold of Kirkham Michael to see if they would be willing to sign off on the design from Balch. Smith will send the information over and get back with the commission.

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 5, Saline County 23, Sedgwick 22, for a total of 50. Commission discussed putting a Human Resources ad out. Commission wrote up an ad and a job description for the HR position.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a longevity bonus for part time employees working over 1040 hours a \$0.05 an hour per year at 1040 hours to be paid in one lump sum on the November paycheck, with a cap at 15 years.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a longevity bonus for full time employees at \$0.05 an hour per year for 2080 hours to be paid in one lump sum on the November paycheck, with a cap at 15 years.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:48pm on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of April 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