

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

## July 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,  
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg  
Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Administrator

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

Commissioner Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and 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 July 17th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Maddox gave the commission the claims register to sign off on.

### Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 78,960.86

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|-----------------|--------------|
| County General  | \$4,752.85   |
| ARPA            | \$440,000.00 |
| Road and Bridge | \$25,918.15  |
| Solid Waste     | \$1,285.50   |
| Noxious Weed    | \$83.70      |
| Aging           | \$142.48     |
| Bennington Twp  | \$1,750.00   |
| Garfield Twp    | \$3,500.00   |
| Diversion       | \$500.00     |
| Historical      | \$70.00      |
| Law Enforcement | \$958.18     |

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

**Public Comment:** Jerry Ayers came into the commissioners meeting to talk about smoking in the fairground buildings. Ayers said that there were a few people that were in the exhibit halls smoking. Ayers said that there was a no smoking sign a few years ago. Malmberg said there should be a blanket policy for no smoking in the buildings. Ayers said there is a K.S.A. 21-61-10 that you have to be twenty feet from an entrance of a building if you're smoking. Commission said that they will notify the Fair board.

### County Departments:

#### Sheriff

Prisoner count: Saline County 4, and Ottawa County 4, for a total of 8 inmates.  
Discussed the Sheriff's Department at the fair.

#### Road and Bridge

Chris Smith came in and asked the commissioners if they would approve a bid for culverts and bands. Of the three bids requested, Contech did not return a bid, J&J Drainage with a bid of \$21,200 and a bid from Wellborn of \$15,209.85.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the lower bid for Road and Bridge to purchase culverts and bands from Wellborn for \$15,209.85.

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## IT

Kim Winsett came into the commissioners meeting and asked for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg Truette McQueen and Kim Winsett. To return at 9:23am.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the current executive session for 5-minutes for non-elected personnel to discuss an employee including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg Truette McQueen and Kim Winsett. To return at 9:30am.

## Human Resources

Michelle Campbell, HR was asked by the commission to come into the meeting for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employee including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Michelle Campbell. To return at 10:00am.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:17am on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 31st day of July 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk