

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 13, 2021

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 all present.

Commissioner Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 am with opening prayer and flag salute.

Those present were JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, Richard Buck, County Attorney, Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, Vicki Jensen, County Clerk.

Vicki Jensen, County Clerk gave the commissioners minutes, abatements, invoices and claims register to approve.

Minutes from December 6, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to approve the reimbursement of \$1104.47, for Disposal of Dilapidated Housing Program for landfill charges, to Brady Nuessen. Motion died for lack of second.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Management reported routine business. He has been working on Noxious Weed building, lighting in the map room in courthouse, museum furnace and lights and numerous other items.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff, gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 2, Saline Count 20, Sedgwick County 20, for a total of 42. Sheriff's department will be selling a Crown Vic, a Charger and a Tahoe on Purple Wave. There is money in the budget for a new vehicle in the 2022. With the vehicle shortage, Russ has found one and laid claims on it. Keith Coleman joined Russ to explain the 096 Law Enforcement budget and the need to transfer funds from the general fund.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator reported the crews are cleaning up bridges, ditches, Coronado & 120th and preparing the new motor graders. Greg met with architect concerning the curve on Wells Road. Bids will be let in the 1st quarter of 2022. Commissioner Malmberg had a constituent ask about the drop off on the edge of the Wells Road, west of the curve. Greg will look at the edges. Employees who may need a CDL was discussed. The state is changing the rules and increasing the cost of getting a CDL in 2022.

Commissioner Malmberg expressed Russ VanMeter's concerns about the ARPA funds for rural water districts and where the county stands in disbursing the funds. ARPA committee has not made any decisions about the funds and is seeking council to help with legal fund distribution. Katrina Pollet said she would contact Russ VanMeter.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator discussed the NACo membership with commissioners. Kenny will discuss the Cyber Attach and Tech portions with Kim Winsett, County IT contact. Kenny discussed his budget for year end and presented a list of chemicals he would like to purchase.

Jodi Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, asked the commissioners to reappoint Kathy Luthi and Steve Carlson, whose terms will expire in January, to another four-year term. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to appoint Kathy Luthi and Steve Carlson to the Ottawa County Health Center Board for a four-year term. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

JoDee Copple, Ottawa County Treasurer, presented the November Bank Reconciliation for review.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to abate the 2021 Solid Waste Fees for 306 N Custer, 210 N Michigan, Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept the bid for BCBS HI93A Health Insurance with Freedom Choice Management. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to accept the TeleMed option for \$3 per employee per month. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Commissioner Malmberg motioned to accept the New Directions Employee Assistance Program add-on to the insurance package for a total annual cost of \$3500, to the County. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to keep the 11 employees currently grandfathered in at 100% of their health insurance premium paid by the county for family / spouse. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to cover 100% of employee only health insurance premium. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to cover 100% premium of employee and children coverage for 2022. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to charge \$100 per month to employees that add their spouse to the county health insurance. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to charge \$100 for the family health insurance plan. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to implement spousal carve-out, where if an employee's spouse can be insured by the spouse's employer's health insurance plan, the spouse will not be eligible for Ottawa County insurance. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to keep the same self-funded dental plan and allow Freedom Choice to manage. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners will hold a workday on December 20, 2021, following the normal morning meeting.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to go into executive session for non-elected personnel exception for 15 minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioner Malmberg wanted to go back into executive session with additional items to discuss with Vicki Jensen, County Clerk. Commissioner Wolf asked if further business could be held off until next week.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 2-1. Commissioner Mortimer yea, Commissioner Wolf yea, Commissioner Malmberg nay.

ADOPTED this 20th day of December 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk