

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 5, 2022

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,

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox

Commissioner Malmberg 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 November 28th, 2022 minutes as presented.

## Claims for Approval: Totaling \$84,205.54

County General	\$33,411.15
Road & Bridge	\$30,447.38
Building Fund	\$836.45
Noxious Weed	\$29.45
Concord TWP	\$1,783.93
Morton TWP	\$3,489.44
Richland TWP	\$1,763.35
Historical	\$101.49
County Health	\$130.00
Appraiser	\$22.95
FD #2 MPLS	\$3,282.37
FD #3 Delphos	\$443.70
Jail Commissary	\$112.78
Law Enforcement	\$8,351.10

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

## Public Comment:

### County Departments:

#### Payroll

JoDee Copple presented the commissioners payroll to sign off on.

#### Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 4, Saline County 24, Sedgwick 20, for a total of 48.

#### Clerk

Heather Maddox presented invoices to the commission. Maddox also discussed with the commission about the Election pay that gets paid out of the election fund to the clerk every year.

#### Appraiser

Truette McQueen brought in a renewal contract for Kimball Mapping and asked the commission to approve \$11,600 for the 2023 year.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to renew the contract for Kimball Mapping system for the Appraisers office another year.

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## **Health Department**

Sara Hodges came into the commission meeting to give a monthly update. Sara discussed what has been going on in the aging and health departments. Hodges said they have been working with outside agencies to get the Angel Tree up for the holidays.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, to appoint Darrell Riekenberg to sit on the Silver Haired Aging Board. During discussion, Wolf rescinded the motion to correct the position of Darrell.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Darrell Riekenberg to the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors.

## **Road & Bridge**

Greg Dockins and Chris Smith came into the commission meeting to talk about the Township board meeting. Commission asked questions about communication between township boards and the Road and Bridge Department. Wolf said if a township brings something up, she would like them to feel like they have been heard and we need to make sure we are able to address the situation right away and let them know that we are open to getting things done.

Commissioner Malmberg talked about Frontier Rd. from 106 Hwy to Granite Rd having a lot of washboards. Dockins said that that is caused by dry weather, too much material, breaking, and high speed.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss employment including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg Chris Smith, and Greg Dockins. No decision was made.

Commissioner Wolf asked Kenny Baccus if he would be interested in writing grants. Baccus said yes, he would be okay with doing that.

Jodi Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator brought the Health Center Board Members to discussion. Parks would like to see all board members as presented, to be appointed again for the 2023 year. Kent Boster's term is up in January. Amber Phipps was asked if she would like to be on the Hospital board to replace Kent who is retiring from the board. Pam Barker said she would be interested in serving again.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Amber Phipps and Pam Barker to the Ottawa County Hospital Board.

## **Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:**

Township Board meeting, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Courthouse Basement Meeting room.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to give \$0.25 raises starting January Payroll for all County Employees.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 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, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk