

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 8, 2024

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

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Brandon Copple, Doug Plummer

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

Public Comment:

Doug Plummer with Ottawa County Service Corp asked for permission to pour a concrete pad for a new shipping container. This is in the south west corner of the fairgrounds to replace the container that is falling apart. The commission would like to contact the insurance company to make sure they see no issues.

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 4.

Commissioner Malmberg emailed the Chair of the Republican Party to ask that the commissioners be included in future correspondence with the Republican Party.

Commissioners Mortimer and Wolf were copied in the email.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Michelle Campbell. To return at 8:57a.m.

Delphos Fire Department

Chris Fruits and Curtis McKain came into the meeting to present their budget. They wanted to remain the same as last year. McKain asked for the monthly budget reports for the Fire department.

Appraiser

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved an Interlocal Agreement and Contract between Ottawa County and Lincoln County regarding the County Appraiser.

Tescott Fire Department

Brandon Baugh, John Perry, and Jeff Smith came in to present the Fire Budget. They wanted the budget to remain the same as last year.

Public Works

Chris Smith, Joe Mullen, and Josh Beckman with Kirkham Michael came into the meeting to speak with commission about 170th road project. Ottawa County was selected for the project. The county match amount is \$100,000.00 this project will widen 3 miles of 170th rd. from the Saline / Ottawa County line North to 18-Hwy. Josh presented the shoulder widening to the commission in Fall of 2026. The group discussed the updates for the Larmie Bridge.

Wolf discussed an issue with a road in Wells. Malmberg informed Chris about a constituent wanting a road closed.

Brandon Copple asked the commission what happened with the slaughterhouse, the wind tower resolution, and a bridge on the Ottawa / Cloud County Line.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, and Michelle Campbell 11:04 a.m. To return at 11:09 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the July 1, 2024 minutes as corrected.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$63,077.94

County General	\$17,494.19
Road & Bridge	\$22,183.69
F.D. #1 O&L General	\$348.63

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Noxious Weed	\$(21.87)
County Health	\$15,878.02
Law Enforcement Center	\$496.58
Employee Benefits	\$3,625.73
F.D. #2 MPLS General	\$2,034.32
Historical	\$179.69
Appraiser	\$43.22
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$815.74

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

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Bennington Fire Department at 7 p.m. Thursday July 11, 2024

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m. on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 15th day of July 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk