

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 1, 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

Carl Leech

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

JoDee Copple

Brandon Copple

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

Bob Boss and Brian Bresse with the Bennington Fire Department presented their finalized budget to the commission. They left at 8:40am

Mike Smith and Jeremy Snavely with Minneapolis Fire Department came into the commissioner's meeting at 8:40am to discuss a fire truck they lost in a fire last week. They are working with their insurance for the claim. Smith is getting an inventory list to insurance before they can get a check. Due to difficulties finding the truck needed, they would like to purchase a new truck from Holm Automotive. On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to allow Minneapolis Fire Department to buy a new brush truck to replace the one that was lost in the fire, from Holm Automotive. This will be up to the amount of \$65,559, which is in their capital outlay account.

Aaron Brinkerhoff with Washington National came into the meeting and discussed voluntary benefits.

Tony Swetson with Bennington EMS came into the meeting to present the budget for the 2025 year. Swetson left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

County Departments:

Keith Coleman, Chris Smith, Marie Ballou, Marilyn Heck, Richard Buck, Michelle Campbell, Truette McQueen, Sara Hodges, Russ Thornton, came into the meeting. The commission went over two new policies with the department heads. Discussing sales tax and meal amounts to spend daily.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by split vote the Board approved Policy 40- 05 and 40- 06. Malmberg Yay, Wolf Yay, Mortimer Nay.

Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 4.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the June 24th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

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

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$153,234.99

County General	\$11,009.85
Road & Bridge	\$23,548.00
Solid Waste	\$28,939.03
Noxious Weed	\$17.76
Special Bridge	\$38.00
Aging	\$70,337.92
Buckeye TWP Road	475.02
Ottawa TWP Road	\$4,375.00
Historical	\$69.48

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Technology Fund/reg	\$252.98
O&L Fire Department	\$252.98
Minn Fire Department	\$699.14

Commission talked to Russ Thornton, Sheriff about cutting his budget.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for Resident Exception to discuss persons in the community including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, and Thornton. To return at 11:34 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer 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, Michelle Campbell, and Sara Hodges. To return at 11:41 a.m.

Treasurer

JoDee Copple discussed ARPA funds and allocations with the commission.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Commission will attend a budget meeting Wednesday, July 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Commission will be at the Republican forum on Sunday July 7th at 3:00 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer 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 JoDee Copple. To return at 12:22 p.m.

Commission discussed the budget, and any decreases they could make. Commission will get the changes to the Loyd Group.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 8th 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