

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

June 21, 2022

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 and Deputy Clerk Heather Maddox.

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

Commissioners opened mail from Kansas Association of Counties.

Heather Maddox gave the commissioners invoices, to approve.

Commissioner Malmberg asked Heather if she has found enough people to work the polling places. Heather responded that the clerk's office has called around to see if poll workers from last year would be interested in helping again this year, there are a few workers that said they would not want to work again. Heather told commissioners that Josh Brown with the Minneapolis FFA stopped by the clerk's office and discussed having the chapter help with elections this year. Heather talked about computers in her office that need replaced. Last week INAlert came into the courthouse and spoke with Heather about a new camera system and panic buttons. INAlert will be here next week to give a quote and a presentation on new equipment for the courthouse.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working on the air conditioner in the courthouse and the jail. Keith got a mapping of the parking lot on the north side of the courthouse. This was from an architect that had the plans from a past jail improvement project.

John Hardesty, Shelby Hardesty, and Truette McQueen came into the meeting

Truette McQueen Zoning Administrator presented the commissioners Case No. SU 02-2022- Applicants are John & Shelby Hardesty and they are applying for a retail commercial store front located at 1345 Limestone Rd., this will be a commercial property constructing a store and in the future, they will also be building a home on the property. Commissioner Malmberg asked if this will be taxed commercial. Truette said yes at the 25% commercial tax and then when the house is built that portion will be at the residential rate of 11.5% tax.

Commissioner Wolf moved to adopt the findings and factors and recommendation of the Planning Board on Case No. SU 02-2022 and approve Resolution No. 22-15. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

A prisoner count of Ottawa County 9, Saline County 16, Sedgwick County 22.

Commissioner Wolf asked if the Thomson Reuters contract had been canceled. Heather said JoDee had talked with her about canceling it and it has been taken care of.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 9:15.

Greg Dockins, Ottawa County Road & Bridge Administrator, asked the commissioner if he could go to the Kansas Infrastructure Summit in Wichita. The commissioners would also like to attend. The County employees fixed the railroad crossing south of Delphos.

Commissioner Wolf moved to take a break to watch Heather Maddox County, Clerk, get sworn in. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.
Commissioners reconvened at 9:50am

Minutes from June 6th, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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Judge Jason Parks came into the meeting to discuss the budget for district court. Judge Parks would like to see a change in the video and audio systems we have in the courtroom now.

The commissioners will be meeting with Scot Loyd this afternoon in the commissioners' room.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:23. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioners had a budget work session with Scot Loyd from 12:30-5:20pm.

ADOPTED this 27th day of June 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, Deputy Clerk