

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 10, 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 Demerle Eckert led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

Commissioners would like to remind the community that they should be checking their kids Halloween candy diligently.

The vote for the roads closing in wells has been extended while the commission waits for the resolution from the County Counsellor to be approved.

Julie Yarmer and Darren Booth, with Freedom Claims Insurance, and Jim Meyer with Blue Cross Blue Shield, for Ottawa County Insurance. Mrs. Yarmer talked with the commission about savings and how the county is self-funding after a year of having Blue Cross Blue Shield with the Freedom Claims as the third-party insurer.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to stay with Freedom Claims and Blue Cross Blue Shield for the 2023 calendar year.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint Robert Jilka as district 1 representative for the Planning and Zoning Board.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the October 3, 2022, minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$98,440.17

County General	\$24,087.54
Road & Bridge	\$23,000.97
District Court	\$356.61
Vehicle	\$4.08
Elections	\$580.39
Building	\$12,585.00
Noxious Weed	\$1,138.98
Aging	\$98.60
Buckeye TWP	\$4,835.92
Historical	\$70.00
Health Dept	\$11,548.49
Appraiser	\$71.66
Employee Ben	\$1,503.02
Minn Fire DPT	\$4,166.12
Jail Commissary	\$12,826.94

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Public Comment:

At 10am the commission met with Lincoln Township Clerk Greg Brenneman and Treasurer Tommy Barrett. Present were Marie Ballou Emergency Management/FEMA, JoDee Copple, Treasurer, and Heather Maddox, Clerk. Greg discussed with the commission about his frustration with the funding in the Lincoln Township FEMA fund. Clerk Maddox and Treasurer Copple discussed with Greg about how the funds from one line item gets moved to the whole total fund to help build the next year's budget. Maddox and Copple printed off fund reports for Brenneman and Barrett so they could see what their funds are showing up to date.

County Departments:

Emergency Management

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management asked chairperson Malmberg to sign an Emergency Management Performance Grant Application. Chairperson Malmberg signed.

IT

Kim Winsett, IT discussed with the commission on an update for the server to be at the Noxious Weed Department and the Hwy Department. Winsett said there are only a few functions that the Hwy Department and Noxious Weed would need to access and as of now those two functions would not be available. After talking to the Clerk and Treasurer they will not be opening the programs for them to use at this time.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to move the Sheriff Department computers to LockIT for the unlimited plan under the courthouse umbrella.

Clerk

Maddox read the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation for the month of October. On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board wants to recognize that October be declared Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Chairperson Malmberg signed it.

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 4, Saline County 19, Sedgwick 28.

Maintenance

After further questions and investigation, Mr. Coleman found out that the safety features on the lift that he was asked to bid on were not in place. Colman decided it would not be a good buy for the County.

Road & Bridge

Greg Dockins, Road and Bridge Administrator and Chris Smith Road Supervisor, discussed with the commission about the Doering Curve project and detour. Mr. Dockins said he talked with Josh Beckman from Kirkham Michael, also Dockins talked with someone at the state. Mr. Dockins has given his letter of Retirement to the commissioners. Mr. Dockins last day will be January 1, 2023. The commission will put together an ad to be put in the paper.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to continue with New Directions for the employee assistance program from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

KAC Conference in Wichita October 17th- 19th

There will be no commissioners meeting on October 17th

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:19pm on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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ADOPTED this 24th day of October 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk