

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 20, 2023

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

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

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

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count Saline County, 27 and Ottawa County 7. Total 34 inmates.

Clerk

Heather Maddox county clerk gave the commissioners solid waste abatements to sign off on.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to abate Neal Kindall's Solid Waste for 2021, 2022, and 2023 for the difference of the former business to a residence, following established tax codes.

Public Comment

Dave Sweat came into the commission meeting and let them know that the city has been paying the Electric bill for the Museum for the last 30 years. Sweat said they will no longer be paying this as of January 2024.

Dave Sweat left the meeting.

Michelle Campbell, HR came into the meeting.

Commission called Neal Kindall, Museum Board President to let him know what Sweat came into discuss. Wolf also emailed Samantha Davis, Museum Curator and Jana Van Meter, Museum Secretary about this change.

Human Resources

Michelle Campbell and JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerkj discussed with the commissioner's thoughts on raises for the 2024 year. Commission will discuss it at a later date. Cambell asked the commission about gift cards for part time employees. Campbell discussed MASA with the commission, this is a supplemental ambulance insurance for employees if they are out of our insurance district. Commission would like to have Campbell look at how this will affect our insurance reserves.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to give a \$40 gift card for employees that don't qualify for the longevity bonus.

Health Department

Trisha Smith, Health Department, RN came to the commission meeting and asked for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for Employee Personnel to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Trisha Smith. To return at 9:53am. No decision was made.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the November 13th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$76,351.71

County General	\$1,470.35
Road & Bridge	\$10,464.87
Solid Waste	\$61,405.23
Noxious Weed	\$112.40
County Health	\$81.12
Law Enforcement Center	\$41.36

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Aging	\$1,317.46
Grant TWP Road	\$732.00
Historical	\$56.28
Technology Fund/CLER	\$308.24
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$329.40
Election	\$33.00

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg Copple, Maddox, and Campbell. To return at 10:22am. No decision made.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Copple, Maddox, and Campbell. To return at 10:35am.

Commission called McQueen, County Appraiser to come up to the commission meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, McQueen and HR Campbell. To return at 10:49am. No decision made.

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

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 27th day of November 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk