

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 2, 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,
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg
Michelle Campbell, Human Resources

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Cler
Heather Maddox, County Clerk

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

Karl Leech came into the commission meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to claim October as Down Syndrome Awareness month.

County Departments:

Human Resources

Malmberg talked with Michelle Campbell about insurance questions.

Malmberg also discussed old business with Campbell about the server for the Road and Bridge department and the Noxious Weed department.

Rick Shupe came into the commission meeting.

Malmberg would like to discuss with previous IT and see if a server was in the budget to purchase for the 2023 year or not. Campbell discussed with commission about upcoming holidays and asked if staff can participate. Commission approved.

Malmberg discussed the new water cooler in the breakroom. Malmberg said she was not informed of an additional water cooler in the breakroom. She doesn't think it is necessary because there is one around the corner in the hall.

Sheriff

Prisoner count Saline County, 23 and Ottawa County 2. Total 25 inmates.

Road and Bridge

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into the meeting and asked the commission to sign off on a right of way permit. Commission signed off. Smith presented the commission with sand sealing Wells Rd (Doering Curve) and not overlaying the road that APAC just put down. Commission asked if sand seal would work. Smith said yes, in 5 years the department will have to chip seal the whole road. Malmberg asked why you would have to do that in 5 years. Smith said that all roads are on rotation and that is when Wells Rd would be up for resurfacing. On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to sand seal over the Doering Curve repair in the amount of \$5,444, work being done with County employees.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept payroll for the month of September.

Attorney

Richard Buck came into the meeting and requested an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss confidential data including Wolf, Malmberg and Richard Buck. To return at 9:45am. No decision was made.

Jerry Ayers came into the commission meeting.

Malmberg discussed with Buck about the past due Housing Authority solid waste fees. The commission has discussed with the Solid Waste board about this issue. Buck said he has seen this and is aware. Buck will look into this and see what more he can do.

Michelle Callum came into the commission meeting to give an update about Community Corrections. Callum discussed a new addition to the office, a service dog. Callum discussed an upcoming conference with the commission, this is a drug court conference that is presented by Paul Cary and Officer Jermaine Galloway. Michelle Callum left the meeting.

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Clerk

Heather Maddox gave the commission the claims register to sign off on.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 65,313.27

County General	\$26,263.17
Road & Bridge	\$2,713.91
Election	\$190.21
Vehicle	\$81.84
Solid Waste	\$25,055.08
Blaine TWP Road	\$850.00
Building Fund	\$1609.50
Aging	\$1,205.02
Noxious Weed	\$324.18
Historical	\$43.22
Center TWP Road	\$2,554.51
County Health	42,240.46
Appraiser	\$661.28
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,375.90
Jail Commissary	\$144.99

Visa Claims: Totaling \$ 6,286.91

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

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Commissioner Wolf discussed the budgets for 2024 and wanted to amend/subtract from the election budget the amount that was given in ARPA funds of \$39,192 earlier this year. These funds would go into the general fund and could be used for expenses that arise in 2024, instead of an additional employee.

Maddox presented the LAVTR (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund) video that JoDee Copple and Maddox saw at the KAC meeting last week that they attended. Maddox and Copple discussed what they would like to see moving forward. Commission would like to inform the public on LAVTR on the website and on the Facebook page. Wolf will write something up so they can get it on the website.

Treasurer

JoDee Copple presented the Capitol Outlay spreadsheet to the commission.

Copple said this was discussed with the department heads and this is what we have all come up with. Richard Buck left the meeting.

Copple said this is a plan we put together so we can accomplish these projects. When we have new commissioners, or elected officials and new department heads this will help the county keep on track for the listed projects.

Vera Sloan came to the commission meeting.

JoDee Copple asked to go into executive session including Heather Maddox, Clerk.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Malmberg,

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Copple, and Maddox. To return at 11:46am. No decision was made.

Vera Sloan asked the commissioners who she should contact about writing an article about the Blue Store.

Commission called Truette McQueen to come to the meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for Personnel exception to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Malmberg and McQueen. To return at 12:00pm. No decision was made.

Commissioner Wolf opened mail from FEMA in reference to the Flood maps.

Maddox gave the commission minutes to approve.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the September 25, 2023 minutes as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 23-16 for the Solid Waste of 2023 taxes.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend: Wolf attended the Kansas Women Elected to Lead Conference in Hutchinson on Saturday.

Commission will attend the Economic Development meeting on Wednesday evening at the Minneapolis Public Library.

During the week, Commissioner Wolf talked on the phone with the Central Kansas Library this week and they let her know that the mil levy went up AT 1.575 mils for 2024.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October 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