

## Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 18, 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 County Clerk Heather Maddox.

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

Those present were Leland Johnson.

Leland Johnson with the Veteran's Memorial came into talk with the commissioners about the update on the memorial. Mr. Johnson said that they will rely heavily on grants. While applying for these grants, they look at how much community involvement they can get. There is a contractor that has agreed to furnish the forms and his labor for the concrete project. There is a community member that has given a gun to be raffled off at the fair this week and all the money raised will go directly to the memorial project. There are shirts that will be sold for the project as well.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to donate \$10,000 to the Veteran's Memorial fund. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Heather gave commissioners Visa claims to look at.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working on the Courthouse and Sheriff's Department. Keith did work at the Road & Bridge shop and Noxious Weed as well.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 3, Saline County 15, Sedgwick County 28. Commissioner Mortimer asked Russ if there would be a possibility that the fire departments and the sheriff's office could pay back the county if the county were to finance the radios upfront.

Greg Dockins, Ottawa County Road & Bridge Administrator, updated the commissioners on the shoulder rock that the county crew has been laying on 170<sup>th</sup> rd.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Greg. The group returned to regular session at 9:10.

The Commissioners discussed maintenance of township roads with Greg. Commissioner Malmberg asked about the possibility of the townships maintaining their own township roads, Commissioner Mortimer said he has wondered about this as well but doesn't know what is best. It was asked if this took place, what would the county be responsible for if the townships were to maintain their own roads, and how would it all work. Greg said culvert clean outs and ditches.

Klint Spiller and Mira Mickler Moss came into the meeting.

The commissioners discussed how many roads the townships have and talked with Greg about how many mowers and graders he has operating at this time.

Klint Spiller, Attorney, and Mira Mickler Moss talked with the commissioners about a fence viewing discrepancy with Diane Sullivan, adjoining property owner. Commissioner Malmberg asked what Mrs. Moss would do with her land. Mrs. Moss responded that it would be unused for cattle, and she will keep it native land.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to recess the meeting to go look at the fence on 170<sup>th</sup> rd. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

While commissioners were gone, they viewed the proposed disputed fence area and discussed what needs to be researched to proceed with a conclusion. The commissioners will send out a letter to both parties on the decision made. Commissioners also drove county roads and looked at bridges and road conditions.

Commissioners returned to session at 11:54pm.

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Heather Maddox gave the commissioners invoices, to approve, And July 11<sup>th</sup> minutes to look over.

Minutes from July 11, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Richard Buck, County Attorney signed claims registers for visas and invoices.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:29pm  
Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 25th day of July, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Member

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D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

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Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, Ottawa County Clerk