

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk  
Shelby Walker, County Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

**Public Comment:** No one present.

Commission called outside Counsel, Attorney Joe Serrano.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 20-minute executive session to discuss attorney client exception including Wolf, Mortimer, and Attorney Joe Serrano who was on the phone.

**County Departments:**

**Sheriff**

Russell Thornton, Ottawa County Sheriff. Thornton came to talk about the issues with the Jail Kitchen with leak issues that are affecting the flooring in the kitchen. The grease trap in the kitchen needs to be replaced as well. The grease trap does need to be moved from its current location due to plumbing advice. Commission advised Thornton that he would need 3 bids for the issues in the kitchen.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss evaluations including Wolf, Mortimer, and Thornton.

The Ottawa County Jail is currently losing inmate housing for Sedgwick County, this has happened in the past and there is a chance they will need our services in the future. Thornton did talk with Saline County, and they will consider bringing us more inmates to help fill the missing slots that Sedgwick County did fill. Sedgwick County will be pulling their inmates on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Commission called Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Director to talk about the KAC Meeting that Baccus attended Via Zoom. The Commission was curious about what was said in the zoom meeting. The Commission discussed wage studies and the pros and cons that were heard from each county that attended.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 10th day of April 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk