

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 21, 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,

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Michelle Campbell, Human Resources

Karl Leech

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: Minneapolis 1, Ottawa County 5, Saline County 5 for a total of 11.

**Clerk**

Heather Maddox, presented the commission minutes, invoices, and mail.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the August 14, 2023 minutes as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay Lindburg Vogal Pierce Faris for the financial audit in the amount of \$20,000.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay A+ Architectural \$3,037.50 for the schematic design of the Bule Store for the new Museum location.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay AS Construction \$5,300 to redo the delivery ramp at the Sheriff's office, with APAC paying half.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved AS Construction to tear out and replace 6 sections of sidewalk around the courthouse in the amount of \$3,300.

Wolf discussed 2024 Ambulance budget numbers. The County levies 6-mils to be disbursed to the ambulance services based on real estate values and population in each district. Percentages of what each entity is going to receive are, Miltonvale 3.22%, Bennington 31.82%, and Minneapolis 64.96% for a total of 100%.

Mortimer received a phone call from a structural engineer in Manhattan. Commission talked with him on the phone, and they discussed the structure viability of the Blue Store.

Maddox gave the commission the 2024 Holiday schedule.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the 2024 holiday schedule as presented.

**Human Resources**

Michelle Campbell presented the commission with job description updates for Facilities Maintenance, Emergency Management, and Assistant Emergency Management positions.

**Road and Bridge**

Chris Smith, and Joe Mullen brought in the updates on the graders that the department has leased. Smith discussed that there will be four graders that will be up for trade-in, in 2024.

Commission received bids from two companies for the stabilization of the riverbanks on Frontier Road and on Rifle Road that are eroding out into the county roads.

Mortimer opened bids from Jueneman Excavation, INC out of Hanover Kansas. Frontier Rd \$114,997.70

Rifle Rd \$47,547.84 for the streambank stabilization project.

Commissioner Mortimer opened bids from Rich's Dirt Works Inc. out of Ada Kansas. Frontier Rd \$105,050.00

Rifle Rd \$52,160.00 for the streambank stabilization project.

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Commission discussed with Smith and Mullen about what was included in each bid. It was decided that Smith would reach out to each party and figure out what is included with each bid before making a decision. The commission would like to compare what work is going to be done for the prices that were given on the bids. Smith and Mullen left the meeting.

### **Treasurer**

JoDee Copple, discussed with the commission about using the ARPA funds for rock in the county. Copple said that according to Carlotta, with the Loyd Group, if Smith follows the Ottawa County purchasing policy to its exact procedure, then we will be able to use the ARPA funds for rock on county-maintained roads.

### **Claims for Approval: Totaling \$ 138,943.10**

County General	\$7,408.92
Covid Relief Fund	\$560.00
Road & Bridge	\$95,601.13
Solid Waste	\$33,24.68
Noxious Weed	\$107.55
Aging	\$56.18
Historical	\$51.11
County Health	\$56.18
Tech Fund/Clerk	\$141.62
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,715.73

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

Commission received the flood insurance study and maps for Ottawa county from FEMA.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 28th day of August 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