
OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

DECEMBER 23, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Dawn Wolf, First District – by Phone

Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Second District

Commissioner DD Malmberg, Third District

Staff Present:

Tammi Cox, County Clerk; JoDee Copple, County Treasurer

1. Call To Order

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Tammi Cox, County Clerk, led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

2. Public Forum

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, stated they had hired someone in their office starting January 06, 2024. He also asked about what constitutes an exemption for solid waste. Commissioner Malmberg stated if it's liveable and has water and electricity it should be charged; if not, it should be exempt. If it is waiting to be sold or rented and doesn't have power, that would not be an exemption. Truette asked about a house being rehabed, but not yet livable. The Commission stated it should still have power and not be exempt.

3. Health Department LPN Position

Sarah Hodges, Health Department Director, stated she would like to hire an LPN at \$22.00 an hour; currently the wage is up to \$20.50. She stated the wage is in her budget and she has been trying to hire this position since February of 2023. She also discussed having a Community Healthcare worker and securing additional grants.

MOTION – To hire a Health Department LPN at \$22.00 per hour with all benefits

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

4. Announcements

Commissioner Mortimer announced the County will close at noon on December 31st. Commissioner Malmberg stated she will send an email to the other two Commissioners regarding the mission statement of the Natural Resource Coalition. Commissioner Wolf asked how do we keep informed of their upcoming meetings if we are supporting them. Commissioner Malmberg stated she would find out how they will continue to keep the Commission informed.

5. Approval of Accounts Payable

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$333,302.23

County General	\$227,341.11
Road & Bridge	\$45,304.33
Aging	\$81.27
Noxious Weed	\$5,012.71
Bennington TWP Road	\$1,593.28
Election	\$6,974.16
Richland TWP Road	\$1,146.68
Sheridan TWP Road	\$26,821.26
County Health	\$2,401.42
Historical	\$535.92
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,795.93
Appraiser	\$224.56
Vehicle	\$5989.60
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$13,471.00

MOTION – To approve the accounts payable

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Prisoner Count – 3

6. Adjournment

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Wolf

MOTION PASSED 3-0

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___ 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Tammi Cox, County Clerk