

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 14th, 2022

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

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox

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

Commissioner Malmberg and Commissioner Wolf attended the Area Commissioners Meeting in Dickinson County on Monday Evening.

Commissioner Malmberg and Commissioner Wolf attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission 50th celebration in Beloit on Thursday evening November 10th.

Commissioner Wolf went to Niles for a community potluck dinner on Sunday November 13th.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the November 7th, 2022 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$128,051.82

County General	\$11,279.66
Road & Bridge	\$89,247.06
Solid Waste	\$8,962.56
Ottawa County 911	\$329.60
Election	\$4,470.45
Building Fund	\$186.05
Noxious weed	\$170.34
Aging	\$1058.34
Morton Twp Road	\$1,936.80
County Health	\$149.60
F.D. #1 O&L	\$59.12
F.D. #2 MPLS	\$2,782.95
F.D. #3 Delphos	\$406.74
Jail Commissary	\$1,408.08
Law Enforcement	\$5,604.47

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

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Public Comment: Keith Ahlquist, came into the meeting and asked the commissioners about what's wrong with pulling shoulders on 20th Rd, a half mile north of Ada. Commissioner Mortimer said that there is blow sand in the ditches and when you pull up the blow sand it will make potholes after it rains. Malmberg said that now during fall and winter is not the time be to pulling ditches. Ahlquist said the grass is dead and it makes it easier. Mortimer said I would like to see us bring in a track hoe it would be best to get the ditches cleaned out. There was a farmer that called and said that there was a bunch of debris that they were having trouble getting around on. Mortimer asked what did you pull out of the ditch? Blow sand? Mortimer continued and said maybe we should put a limestone base on it and make it better than just sand. Ahlquist commented there is a base there. Commissioner Malmberg said we need to get another plan and move forward. Mortimer said he would like to discuss the limestone base to help with potholes.

Up Coming Commissioners Meetings:

Commissioners will Canvas the Election on Thursday November 17th at 5pm.

Commissioners will attend a Department Head meeting on November 23rd at 9am in the courthouse basement meeting room. Following the meeting the commissioners will attend a team building exercise with the employees.

County Departments:

Sheriff

Ottawa County Prisoner count, Ottawa 2, Saline 24, Sedgwick 22 for a total of 48.

HR

JoDee Copple, Treasurer/Payroll Clerk discussed with the commissioners about the county handbook.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the new employee handbook.

Road & Bridge

Greg Dockins, Road and Bridge came into the meeting to present bids for graders for the 2023 year. Malmberg opened the interest rates for the new motor graders from Bennington State Bank at 5.215% interest rate and Citizens State Bank at 5.69% interest rate.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the bid from Bennington State Bank. Terms for 60 months at 5.215% interest on two motor graders for the cost of \$518,510.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved that to be eligible for spousal health/dental insurance through Ottawa County, employees must be legally married to their spouse and the spouse is not eligible for health insurance through their job.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioners will stay in the office to do interviews for the new Road and Bridge County Highway Administrator.

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ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk