

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 24th, 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,
Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

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

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

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the October 10th, 2022, minutes as presented.

Commissioners signed resolution 20-21 for road closings in Wells, Kansas.

The Commission attended the KAC Conference in Kansas City from October 17th - October 19th.

Commissioner Malmberg attended the Radio Meeting with the local fire departments on Thursday October 20th.

The commission talked to fire chiefs about a burn ban, Marie Ballou Emergency Management will reach out to all fire districts concerning the burn ban.

Shelby Walker, Deputy Clerk, presented the Claims registers and Visa Vouches to the commission to sign.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$131,615.17

County General	\$3,5911.66
Road & Bridge	\$28,535.05
Solid Waste	330.92
Ottawa County 911	\$356.61
Vehicle	\$78.51
Election	\$580.39
Building Fund	\$12,585.00
Noxious weed	\$1,600.35
Aging	\$1,136.36
Buckeye TWP	\$6,740.24
Center Township	849.08
Historical	\$70.00
County Health	\$16,606.63
Appraiser	\$102.75
Employee Benefits	\$1,503.02
F.D. #2 MPLS	\$4,166.12
Jail Commissary	\$2,783.51
Law Enforcement	\$17,678.97

Visa Claims: Totaling \$4,884.10

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

Heather Maddox, Ottawa County Clerk came into the meeting.

Mrs. Walker left the meeting

Public Comment:

Owen Kindall and Cade Rensink with Choose Ottawa County came in to update the commission on how the progress with the new economic development organization is going. Choose Ottawa County has a few projects that they have helped get together. One project they have helped with is the new Bennington Family Center, Inc. they

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were able to help with getting \$56,700 in grant funds through Dane Hanson. The program has another project they helped facilitate, it is the TEFFI SEED Grant with the State. There were three applicants that applied for funding for a total of \$50,000 was the max given.. Choose Ottawa County got the max of the \$50,000. This grant has helped with playground equipment for a few entities within Ottawa county, and a library in Ottawa County got new shelving. Kindall and Rensink discussed events in the county that they would like to see ongoing for years to come. Discussion continued how events could take place in other cities rather than just Minneapolis, the long-term goal is to unite the county as a whole and get events in each town around Ottawa County. Rensink talked about a new position they would like to fill for Choose Ottawa County, which is the Community Development Coordinator. It is underway to get a coordinator hired before the end of the year.

County Departments:

Road & Bridge

Greg Dockins, Road and Bridge Administrator asked the chairperson to sign off on bridge inspections.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the bid from Kirkham Michael for \$700 for bridge inspection.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected employees, including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Dockins. No decision was made.

Payroll

JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerk wanted to discuss with the commission about writing off old AP checks that haven't been cashed from 2017-2019.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, and Malmberg.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes to continue discussion on non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, and Malmberg. No decision was made.

IT

Kim Winsett with IT discussed with the commission about the Attorneys computers being backed up with LockIT technologies, Last week Commissioner Malmberg talked with Jay Hall, KAC attorney while at the KAC conference and ask if we as a county should be making sure that the Attorney is on the County IT account with LockIT Technologies. Jay Hall said that it wouldn't be necessary, and that the county wouldn't want to have that on their server. Mr. Hall told Malmberg to ask the Attorney if it is being backed up. Malmberg called the Attorney and he said that it is being backed up on the cloud. Winsett would like to have information secure under the attorneys share point. It would be LockIT as a secondary contact on his account, this means that LockIT would not have access to see anything or access anything it would be in an emergency case only that something happens to the attorney, and we need someone else to be able to get into the account. Winsett would like on the record that "LockIT has never lost any emails or data for Ottawa county since the time they have been contracted with."

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 3, Saline County 18, Sedgwick County 27, for a total of 48.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Department Head Meeting- November 23, 2022

Thanksgiving Lunch and Team Building November 23,2022

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:34am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The commission will stay in the office for a work session.

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ADOPTED this 31st day of October 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