



Ottawa County Commission Agenda

February 10, 2025

307 N Concord St

Minneapolis, KS 67467

1. Call To Order 8:00 a.m.
 - Flag Salute
 - Prayer

2. Executive Session – Confidential Data 8:05 a.m.

3. Public Forum 8:35 a.m.
 - This is reserved for public comment for any items not on the agenda

4. Choose Ottawa County Introduction/Goals/Plans – Katie Vanderhoff 8:45 a.m.

5. Golden Wheel – Sarah Hodges, Health Department Director 9:00 a.m.

6. Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation – Tanya Paul, DVACK 9:30 a.m.

7. Emergency Management Job Description/Duties 9:45 a.m.

8. Department Head Meeting in Basement Meeting Room 10:00 a.m.

9. Executive Session Non-Elected Personnel – Marie Ballou, EM Director 11:05 a.m.

10. Sanitarian Contract – Phillip Murrow 11:20 a.m.

11. NCRPC Letter of Support – Tammi Cox, County Clerk 11:35 a.m.

12. Resolution 25-05 Year End Transfer of Funds – Tammi Cox, County Clerk 11:45 a.m.

13. Consent Agenda 12:00 p.m.
 - Accounts Payable

- Correction Orders
- Minutes (February 3rd)

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| 14. Clerk Comments | 12: 15 p.m. |
| 15. Commissioner's Comments | 12:20 p.m. |
| 16. Announcements | 12:25 p.m. |
| 17. Adjournment | 12:30 p.m. |

**Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
February 2025**

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 adolescents in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped, physical or emotionally abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, high school students who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

WHEREAS, young people victimized by a dating partner are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior and unhealthy dieting behaviors and the experience may disrupt normal development of self-esteem and body image; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of teens who experience dating violence report that incidents of abuse took place in a school building or on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, only 9% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse, and 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is one; and

WHEREAS, by providing young people, parents, and professionals with education about healthy relationships, warning signs of abuse, and relationship skills and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas needs all of Ottawa County to work toward ending teen dating violence by empowering young people to develop healthier relationships, assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need, creating better and more resources for young people in need, instituting effective intervention and prevention policies in schools, and engaging in discussion with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet epidemic of teen dating violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, the County of Ottawa Board of Commissioners hereby designates February 2025 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and urges citizens to recognize and assist all those who serve the rights and needs of victims of teen dating violence.

Signature _____

Signature _____

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Date _____

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2/6/2025

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express support for Ottawa County's application to the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program offered through the Kansas Forest Service. This grant would be instrumental in enhancing wildfire preparedness and response efforts in our region.

The development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) will play a crucial role in identifying high-risk areas and improving pre-planning efforts. By bringing together multiple fire districts, this initiative will foster collaboration and coordination, ensuring a more effective and unified response to wildfire threats. Additionally, having a proactive plan in place will significantly enhance our ability to prevent and mitigate the devastating effects of wildfires.

This funding would provide our first responders with the necessary resources to protect our community and ensure the safety of our residents, businesses, and natural landscapes. By investing in wildfire prevention and preparedness, Ottawa County will be better equipped to safeguard lives, property, and critical infrastructure.

We appreciate the Kansas Forest Service's commitment to supporting local wildfire defense initiatives.

Sincerely,

Scott Mortimer
Ottawa County Board of County Commissioner, Chairman

Carla Grund
Ottawa County Board of County Commissioner, District 1

Duane Morris
Ottawa County Board of County Commissioner, District 3

Ottawa County Clerk

From: Deb Ohlde <communitydevelopmentadvisor@ncrpc.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 5:12 PM
To: Undisclosed Recipients
Subject: Regional Community Wildfire Prevention Plan CWPP

Hello - The NCRPC has been asked to assist with the preparation of a CWPP covering all 12 counties in the region. We would like feedback from your county regarding this opportunity. The NCRPC will not be the grant recipient, it will funnel through the Kansas Forest Service, but we will assist. If possible we would like for you to discuss this at your January 27th meeting or at the latest at the meeting the week of Feb. 3rd. We must have feedback by February 10th at the latest.

This grant is an important opportunity for our region because it can provide a CWPP at **no cost** to our communities. Our communities need a CWPP because all future USFS wildfire risk reduction dollars will require a CWPP to be in place before a project can be funded. So, if you think your county may be interested in using federal dollars to do things like clear cedar along roadsides, creating defensible space around homes or other critical assets, etc., having a CWPP already in place will be the key to unlock that funding.

So, what is a CWPP? I'm glad you asked! The primary goals of a CWPP are to:

1. Assess wildfire risks to the community (e.g., homes, infrastructure, natural resources) and identify areas most at risk.
2. Prioritize mitigation actions and identify which actions will be most effective in reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires.
3. Enhance community resilience by creating more fire-adapted landscapes and fostering preparedness among residents.
4. Promote collaboration among stakeholders to ensure coordinated and comprehensive wildfire mitigation efforts.
5. Develop an action plan with concrete steps, timelines, and responsibilities for reducing risks, such as clearing vegetation, creating defensible spaces, or constructing firebreaks

The NCRPC will help to convene conversations to aid in the creation of the plan. The ask of our counties is basically three-fold -

- identify two individuals who will represent the county's interest in the planning process - county commissioner, EM director, active volunteer fire fighters, property owners etc.
- provide a letter of support for the grant application and
- review the plan and provide feedback when complete.

We value your feedback in regard to whether or not this is of interest to you and are happy to answer questions. Please send any questions to me and as needed, I can pass them along to the sponsoring agency.

Thank you for your engagement with the NCRPC.

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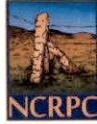
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Debra Carlson Ohlde

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RESOLUTION 25-05

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Ottawa County, Kansas, met on the 10th day of February, 2025, in regular session to consider the matter of funding Year End Transfers from 2024, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the following:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	K.S.A.
County General			
Custodial	County Capital Outlay Reserve	\$ 96,800.00	K.S.A. 19-120
Emergency Management	PS Radio Maintenance/Upgrades	\$ 10,000.00	K.S.A. 19-119
Emergency Management	Emergency Management Capital Outlay	\$ 10,000.00	K.S.A. 19-119
Transfers	Law Enforcement Center Capital Outlay	\$ 135,000.00	Res 25-05
Election	Election Capital Outlay	\$ 3,000.00	K.S.A. 19-119
Road and Bridge	Special Machinery	\$ 200,000.00	K.S.A. 68-141g
Noxious Weed	Noxious Weed Capital Outlay	\$ 100,000.00	K.S.A. 2-1318
Fire District #1 O&L General	FD #1 Capital Outlay	\$ 2,367.00	K.S.A. 19-3612c
Fire District #2 MPLS General	FD #2 Capital Outlay	\$ 30,000.00	K.S.A. 19-3612c

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Ottawa County Clerk is hereby authorized to transfer the above funds. Adopted this 10th day of February, 2025, by the Board of County Commissioners, Ottawa County, Kansas.

THE OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Duane Morris, Member

ATTEST:

Tammi Cox, County Clerk