

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 29, 2024

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

Stephanie Watkins, County Deputy Clerk

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Brandon Copple

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

Commission called Dave Harper and Ted Smith with KDOR and asked about if the RNR will be incorrect because 2023 valuations were certified rather than the 2024 valuations. Commission spoke on the phone with Scot Loyd and informed him of the mistake.

## **County Departments:**

### **Public Works**

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into the commission meeting to sign right of way utility permits.

The group discussed the County Courthouse yard and the Sheriff Department yard getting on a rotation with a weed control plan. Wolf asked about 200 and Frontier.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected employee including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Smith, and Mullen. To return at 8:59 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session for 10-minutes for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected employee including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Smith and Mullen. To return at 9:09 Extended to

Tyler Garst with Community Building Solutions came into the commission meeting. Garst said his company will do a study on facility upgrades, this is at no cost to the County.

Hannah Bett, Saline County Deputy Administrator, Seth Odette, Saline County Sanitarian, and Sara Hodges Ottawa County Health Director discussed transition plans for sanitarian as we move to a new provider. Malmberg asked if well permits that were paid for will be finished by Saline County. They said yes. Saline County will send Ottawa County records as requested from the commission. Ottawa County will begin services with NCKLEPG on January 1, 2025. This change will be a large price decrease for the county. Malmberg asked about a couple locations that were supposed to be inspected.

Sara Hodges with the Health Dept would like to move her IT services and emails to Twin Valley.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss consultation with attorney for body including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, and Richard Buck. To return at 10:45 am

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 15-minutes for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss consultation with attorney for body including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Buck. To return at 11:04 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the 2025 budget for the Conservation District in the amount of \$25,000.

### **Fire Departments**

Cody Flax with Culver F.D stopped in with Richard Buck to have commission approve Resolution 24-10.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 24-10 for repealing Resolution 23-00 as it relates to Fire District No. 5.

Brian Breese Bennington Fire Chief and Tony Swetson Bennington EMS director discussed

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authorized emergency vehicle permits for their personal cars so they can have flashing lights to get to emergencies quickly. This will be at personal expense.

### **Sheriff**

Prisoner count Ottawa County 4.

Commission opened mail from Road Groom Manufacturing.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the July 22, 2024 minutes as corrected.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for Attorney Client Privilege to discuss consultation with Attorney for Body including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, and Richard Buck. To return at 11:52 am

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for attorney client privilege to discuss confidential data including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Buck. To return at 11:52 a.m.

Malmberg spoke with Campbell about getting pros and cons about switching to semi-monthly vs. biweekly employee pay.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for confidential data to discuss financials including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Scot Loyd. To return at 12:38 p.m.

### **Claims for Approval: Totaling \$55,294.06**

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|------------------------|-------------|
| County General         | \$5,944.59  |
| Road & Bridge          | \$2,576.65  |
| Solid Waste            | \$198.55    |
| Noxious Weed           | \$9,854.03  |
| F.D. #2 MPLS General   | \$26,004.42 |
| Law Enforcement Center | \$32.99     |
| Aging                  | \$21.27     |
| County Health          | \$10,618.41 |
| Historical             | \$43.15     |

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

### **Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:**

Commission attended the Delphos Alive Forum, in Delphos on Monday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 5th day of August 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk