

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

## July 22, 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

JoDee Copple, Treasurer

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Keith Coleman, Brandon Copple, Jerry Schmidt, Jeff Hodges, Jana VanMeter, Margret McGavran Ray McGavran, Jim Kay, Leland Davis, Ralph Shank, John Carson.

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

The Museum Board come to review a few things with the commissioners. Last spring the museum had 7 students and one teacher came to the Blue Store and clean. Schmidt would like permission to post a help wanted sign at the high school for students to continue helping with clean up of the Blue Store. Schmidt presented items to sell that were left at the Blue Store. Commission would like a disclaimer on the items they are selling. Schmidt would like this to go on the County website and the County Facebook page. Schmidt would like to get something in the paper to advertise this as well. Commission and Coleman discussed the report from MKEC Engineering. They found that the building was structurally good. Coleman said after the Museum is cleaned out the next step is bringing in ADA. Kay would like the commission to look over the report and come to the next Museum Board meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Blue Store. They can discuss further and make recommendations on how to move forward. The Museum board would like to set the sale date for Saturday, October 19, 2024 at 8 a.m.

Malmberg asked the clerk to see sample ballots. Maddox asked the commission for an executive session including Richard Buck and JoDee Copple.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for Confidential Data to discuss financial affairs including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Maddox, and Copple. To return at 8:45 a.m.

Commission discussed with Renee Mattison about the Culver Fire Department. Cody Flax discussed with the commission approval of the fire department board members.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved Culver Rural Fire Department for Fire Chief Cody Flax, Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Florke, Secretary Renee Mattison, Treasurer Renee Mattison, Chairman Chad Mattison, Vice Chairman Samuel Davis, Board member Amber Martell, Board Member Paricia Velasquez.

### Claims for Approval: Totaling \$53,243.11

County General	\$9,004.60
Road & Bridge	\$35,855.96
Solid Waste	\$4.48
Noxious Weed	\$419.29
Vehicle	568.27
County Health	\$678.70
Law Enforcement Center	\$2,114.49
Aging	\$297.97
Diversion	\$143.23
Appraiser	\$187.55
Technology Fund/CLER	\$114.62
Building fund	\$3,618.45
Election	\$71.36

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F.D. #2 MPLS GEN	123.16
Jail Commissary	40.98

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

## County Departments:

### Public Works

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into the commission meeting and discussed speed limit signs. Russ Thornton, Sheriff, Jerry Ziolkowski, Undersheriff and Wes Husereau, Deputy came into the meeting. Smith and Thornton discussed with the commission about Ada needing two speed limit signs. One sign needs to be placed on Navajo Rd from White St to 20<sup>th</sup> Rd. recommended speed of 30mph. The second location is on 20<sup>th</sup> Rd. from Navajo Rd. to Mulberry Rd. recommended speed is 30mph. The group discussed Laramie Rd and 135<sup>th</sup> Rd. recommending a speed of 30mph, because of the accidents and the illegal passing taking place in this area.

Commissioner Malmberg discussed people moving into the country and wanting changes. On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the speed limit of 30mph on 135<sup>th</sup> from 10<sup>th</sup> St. to K-106 Hwy, and on Laramie from 135<sup>th</sup> West to city limits. On Navajo Rd from White St to 20<sup>th</sup> Rd. and on 20<sup>th</sup> rd. from Navajo Rd to Mulberry Rd. During discussion Commissioner Malmberg is okay with this because it is a highly trafficked area and accidents have happened plus cars are passing illegally. Malmberg would not agree with speed limit signs on any other county roads not meeting this criteria.

Smith discussed with the commission that two employees from his department have applied with KDOT. Commission discussed the insurance and the health savings plans that are significantly better than KDOT's. Malmberg discussed Nugget and 160<sup>th</sup> Rd. Malmberg would like to go look at it with Mullen and Smith. Wolf showed Smith and Mullen pictures on her phone of spots needing attention on 200<sup>th</sup> RD and one on 220<sup>th</sup> RD.

### Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 6.

### Human Resources

Michelle Campbell asked for a motion from last week's meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved, the personal property clerk job description at \$15.50. Malmberg amended the motion to include new job titles. Effective 06/25/2024 the Personal Property Clerk's job description and title has been changed to Personal Property Clerk/Data Collector/Transfer Clerk. Due to this change and certifications that were obtained, this position will receive a \$1.00 raise to \$15.50 an hour.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Campbell. To return at 10:16 a.m.

### Health Department

Sara Hodges came into the meeting and discussed with the commission updates on Health and Aging. She received two new vans from KDOT. KDOT has to include them in our fleet before the county can use them. Since COVID the health dept is back to offering community baby showers. Hodges invited the commission to the Public Health Road Show. Hodges discussed with the commission about her IT.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the July 15th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

## Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Commissioner Malmberg and Wolf will be going with Smith and Mullen next week to look at Nugget and 160<sup>th</sup> Rd.

Commissioners will attend the North Central Regional Planning Commission meeting Thursday at noon at The Farm.

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On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the bills for July 22 2024.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 29th day of July 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