

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 15, 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

Heather Maddox, County 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.

Commissioner Wolf, and Commissioner Malmberg attended the Bennington Fire Department Meeting.

Commissioner Malmberg attended the Culver Fire Department Meeting.

Commission discussed tax on City bills and on Evergy late fees and sales tax. Maddox said she will get the tax exempt paperwork to the vendors and getting the bills sent electronically so we can avoid late fees moving forward.

Commission opened mail from KDHE, a permit for a water pollution control for a new or expansion of a swine facility in Geneseo, Ks. Commission asked for this to be put on the website.

Public Comment:

Brandon Copple asked if there was a survey that was sent out when the county got ARPA funds from the Government. Commission said no, but they did a lot of projects out in the county. Some of the items were, Rifle Rd river project, Mesonet, Ada Rural Water, updated the parking for the courthouse, War Memorial, Courthouse improvement doors and locks, 800mhz radios for the Sheriff Department, 6 Fire Departments, and 2 Ambulance Departments, Ottawa County Service Corp for carnival insurance, new election equipment, filing cabinets for appraisers office, furniture for some offices, etc.

County Departments:

Commissioners

Commissioner Wolf read a statement.

The Board of Ottawa County Commissioners condemns the assassination attempt on former President Trump. This attack is a grave and alarming reminder of the destructive potential violence. In a nation founded on the principles of democratic discourse, respect for all individuals, and the peaceful resolution of differences, this was a violation of our core values.

Thankfully former President Trump has survived this heinous attack. The Board of Ottawa County Commissioners wish him a swift and complete recovery from his injuries. The Board shares their deepest condolences to the families of the innocent victims of this treacherous act. This appalling attack underscores the urgent need for all Americans to unequivocally reject and condemn political violence.

It is imperative that we come together as one nation to ensure our political processes and discourse are safe, respectful and remain rooted in a dialogue of mutual respect. In the words found in the preamble of our Constitution, we should all be striving 'to become a more perfect union.' The preservation of democracy and our way of life depends on the collective commitment to these ideals.

May God bless the United States, the State of Kansas, and Ottawa County.

The Board of Ottawa County Commissioners.

Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 6.

Human Resources

Michelle Campbell asked the commission for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, and Michelle. To return at 8:58 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer 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 9:09 a.m.

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Commissioner Wolf called Truette McQueen for an executive session. McQueen came into the meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, McQueen and Campbell. To return at 9:25 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 5-minutes for personnel Exemption to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, McQueen and Campbell. To return at 9:31 a.m.

Richard Buck came into the meeting and asked the commission for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for Confidential Data to discuss financial affairs including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Buck and Maddox. To return at 9:59 a.m.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the executive session 10-minutes for confidential data to discuss financial affairs including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg Buck, Maddox and Cody Flax. To return at 10:09 a.m.

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 financial affairs including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Buck, Maddox and Cody Flax. To return at 10:21 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to appoint the recommended candidate for the governing body of the Central Kansas Mental Health Center as Sara Hodges.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the July 8, 2024 minutes as Corrected.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$106,984.05

County General	\$13,277.74
Road & Bridge	\$5,476.97
Coronavirus Relief	\$23,970.00
Solid Waste	\$8,237.22
Noxious Weed	\$282.31
County Health	\$47.97
Law Enforcement Center	\$2,496.04
Aging	\$658.63
Bennington TWP Road	\$2,337.92
Logan TWP Road	\$38,358.53
Sherman TWP Road	\$8,154.47
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$330.32
Election	\$3,033.10
Appraiser	\$225.13
F.D. #1 O&L General	\$97.70

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

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Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Commission will be at the County Fair Forum Thursday at 6pm.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. on motion by Wolf and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of July 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk