

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 12, 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

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Jerry Ayers

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

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

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the August 5th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

Public Comment:

Jerry Ayers came into the meeting to speak to the commissioners about how the election went and gave his polling place report.

County Departments:

Human Resources / Clerk

Heather Maddox and Michelle Cambell came into the meeting and asked the commissioners for an executive session for Employer-Employee Negotiation.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for exception related to employer-employee negotiation to discuss employer-employee negotiations at 9:08 a.m. including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Maddox and Campbell to return at 9:18 a.m. No decision was made.

Maddox said she would like to bring the clerk elect to train for success in the office and would like to train her deputy on everything in the office. The clerk and deputy clerk will attend the CIC Symposium on 20, 21, 22 of August. Commissioners will Canvass on Monday August 19, 2024.

Public Works

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into the meeting and asked the commissioners for an executive session.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected to discuss including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Smith and Mullen to return at 8:37 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 personal exception to discuss non-elected including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Smith and Mullen. To return at 8:49 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to move the motor grader territory from 10 territories down to 9 and give all hourly road and bridge employees \$1 raise excluding Public Works Administrator, Road and Bridge Supervisor, Public Works Administrator Assistant, and Noxious Weed lead. This will make us competitive with KDOT. During discussion Wolf said this will be competitive pay and having one less grader territory will fund this raise.

Karl Leech came into the meeting.

Mortimer and Wolf attended the Ottawa County elected officials meeting in Bennington Wednesday 8-7-24.

Malmberg attended the Culver Fire Department Meeting 8-11-2024.

Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 5.

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Claims for Approval: Totaling \$159,138.88

County General	\$23,929.62
Road & Bridge	\$9,130.35
Solid Waste	\$10,134.72
Noxious Weed	\$46.75
County Health	\$35,561.86
Law Enforcement Center	\$795.78
F.D. #1 O&L General	\$122.64
F.D. #2 MPLS General	\$2,478.31
Vehicle	\$74.60
Aging	\$70,278.00
Sheridan TWP Road	\$5,641.11
Historical	\$54.00
Appraiser	\$178.05
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$458.34
Election	\$254.75

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

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 19th day of August 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk