
OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Dawn Wolf, First District

Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Second District

Commissioner D.D. Malmberg, Third District

Staff Present:

Stephanie Watkins, Acting County Clerk; Jeff Ebel, County Attorney; JoDee Copple, County Treasurer; Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Director; Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Director

Others in Attendance:

Carla Grund, Duane Morris, Todd Reid

1. Call To Order

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

2. Agenda Approval

MOTION – Approve the agenda

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Wolf

MOTION PASSED 3-0

3. County Clerk Update

Stephanie Watkins, Acting County Clerk, informed the Commission that every department, including Commissioners, has stepped up to help or has offered help and it has been greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Mortimer stated JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, has been helping the Clerk's office with Solid Waste.

4. Solid Waste Fees – Resolution 24-18

MOTION – Approve amendment to Resolution 24-18 regarding Solid Waste fees.

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

5. Public Comment

Carl Grund asked about solid waste fee on tax statements that was missed last year. She wanted to know if the Commission was going to get the missed fees this year.

6. Road and Bridge Update

Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Director, discussed a KDOT bridge project and gave the contract agreement to Jeff Ebel, County Attorney, for review. Chris Smith stated Road and Bridge helped Tescott Fire Department with 300 smoldering bales by digging a hole and burying them. They will start a five day chip sealing project tomorrow. He also presented the High Risk Rural Road contract to the Commission.

7. Proclamation of State of Local Disaster Emergency - Resolution 24-19

Marie Ballou presented a Proclamation of State of Local Disaster Emergency Resolution 24-19 to the Commission for a hay bale fire. It was the consensus of the Commission to pass Resolution 24-19.

8. Policy 50.02 Safety Footwear

Michelle Campbell, Human Resources Director, presented policy 50.02 regarding safety footwear for public works employees

MOTION – Approve policy 50.02

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

9. Museum Update

Michelle Campbell, Human Resources Director, discussed the museum internet. The museum is requesting to switch from Vyve Internet to Twin Valley fiber optic. The switch will be comparable in price. The speed of service should be increased.

MOTION – Switch the Ottawa County Museum from Vyve Internet to Twin Valley

MOTION BY– Commissioner Wolf

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

**10. Approval of Accounts Payable, Prisoner Count, Approval of County Commission Minutes
Claims for Approval: Totaling \$31,515.63**

County General	\$6,138.67
Road & Bridge	\$23,103.72
Solid Waste	\$255.65
Noxious Weed	\$50.44
County Health	\$159.69
Law Enforcement Center	\$159.66
Aging	\$56.46
Appraiser	\$51.72
Election	\$220.55
Jail Commissary	\$988.75
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$330.32

MOTION – To approve accounts payable as presented

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To approve the October 14, 2024 Commission minutes as corrected

MOTION BY– Commissioner Wolf

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Malmberg

MOTION PASSED 3-0

Prisoner Count – 6

11. Meetings Attended

Republican Meeting (Commissioners Wolf and Malmberg)

October 20, 2024

Bennington Fire Department #4 Open House (Commissioner Wolf)

Bennington Fire Department #4 was able to pay off their 20 year loan in 10 years

12. Adjournment

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

MOTION BY– Commissioner Malmberg

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

MOTION PASSED 3-0

13. Upcoming Meetings for Commissioners to Attend Together

North Central Planning Commission Meeting
October 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Martinelli's Little Italy
158 S Santa Fe
Salina, KS 67401

ADOPTED this ____ day of ____ 2024.

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OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Stephanie Watkins, County Clerk