

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

June 27, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg and County Clerk, Heather Maddox all present.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and led the opening prayer and flag salute.

Shelia Reed, and Shelby Walker came into the meeting. Heather introduced commissioners to Shelby, she will be working in the clerk's office.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 8:16 am.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to continue in executive session. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 8:21 am. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working on the courthouse and spoke with 3 contractors and gave them the blueprints for the north parking lot. He worked at the jail. Keith went out to the Road and Bridge shop and Noxious Weed to help with new phone lines getting set up.

Bob Lott came into the commissioners meeting. He wanted to talk about township roads, Bob said "back in the day Ottawa County was known for their roads." There was a road foreman who didn't want the roads graded. Bob said that he thinks that the roads need to be graded so the cost of graveling roads would be cut. Drainage is terrible on some roads and road crews need to continue working on ditches and unplugging culverts.

Bob left the meeting.

Russ Thornton, Ottawa County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 6, Saline County 16, and Sedgwick County 24. Thornton said the new Deputy, Garrett Kimminau will graduate Friday from Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Sheriff Thornton and Undersheriff VanCoevern went to training presenting updated laws and changes. Commissioner Malmberg asked the Sheriff if there was an issue getting inmates prosecuted. Thornton said yes there was an issue getting people prosecuted. Thornton and commissioners had a lot of discussion about prosecution and jail time. Commissioner Wolf asked Thornton how things have changed in the last few years and if the law is changing. Sheriff Thornton said, "Yes, the state has changed so it ties the sheriff's hands, often prosecution has let inmates go and is being more lenient. The laws are made more for the criminal instead of being made for the law enforcement."

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator and Chris Smith, Road Supervisor came into the meeting and discussed trees down in Culver from this week's storm. Commissioner Wolf talked about a ditch needing cleaned out on old 81, she said "If we would have gotten anymore rain, the water would have been over the road, and with it being a well-traveled road it wouldn't be good." Greg and Chirs left the meeting

Minutes from June 21, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer left the meeting to attend a funeral.

Jake Strecker, and Jamie Cunningham with INAlert, came into the commissioners meeting to present a new security system for the courthouse as a Motorola rep. Sheriff Thornton came into the meeting. Jake said since COVID Motorola has purchased security companies, so all cameras are produced with Motorola. Jake gave a presentation on how the cameras work. Commissioner Wolf asked if the cameras we have now will work with the INAlert system. Jake said no, they are so outdated that this system wouldn't recognize them. Commissioner Wolf asked when this could be available, Jake said that it would be 6-8 weeks. INAlert would also do a 10-day training for all users of the system in house. The commissioners will look at budget numbers. Jake and Jamie left the meeting.

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Commissioners looked at invoices to be paid.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management, came into the meeting to go over the custodian budget with commissioners. Marie left the meeting.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 2-0. Those present were Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Malmberg, and on the phone Kristina Deidrick, HR. The two commissioners returned to regular session at 12:02pm. No decision was made.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:04. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

ADOPTED this 5th day of July 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk