

## Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 16, 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 Interim Deputy Clerk, Heather Maddox.

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

Those present were Richard Buck

Richard Buck, County Attorney asked commissioners when they would want to have Scot Loyd come in to help the county with budgets. Commissioners discussed moving the June 6<sup>th</sup> commissioners meeting to Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup> to get the budgets worked out with all department heads. The commissioners will have a follow up meeting with department heads and Scott Loyd on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Richard presented the commissioners with a resolution to Deputize Heather Maddox in the clerk's office. Commissioner Wolf moved to Pass Resolution 22-12 concerning the vacancy in the Office of the County Clerk. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf moved to amend the previous resolution to 22-13. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Minutes from May 9 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf attended a budget meeting in Salina.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported on upkeep around the Courthouse, Jail and the County shop.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 8, Saline County 17, Sedgwick County 18. Thornton discussed with commissioners his Jail capacity. Barry Hodges came to look at the lighting in the sheriff parking lot. Thornton discussed with Barry about putting up more lights for the safety of the staff at the courthouse and the sheriff's office. Commissioners discussed getting a consultation on new parking lot and lighting.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to take a 5-minute break. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Richard Buck, County Attorney discussed the Fence viewing, August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the deadline for Mrs. Tally to have the fence line cleared.

John Wilson came into the meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer forwarded an email to Malmberg and Wolf from Kayla Wang about clerk's office deadlines.

John Wilson talked to the commissioners about the Clerk resigning. He said he was sorry for the mess we were in.

Minutes from May 11 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to take a 3-minute break. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Richard discussed in detail about deadlines the clerk's office has to get done.

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Chris Smith, Ottawa County Road Supervisor, reported mowing, hauling rock, tested out new shoulder rock machine last week. Commissioner Mortimer asked how the shop is setting with manpower. Chris said, "We will definitely get by. We may have to change out jobs between employees, but it will all be good." Commissioner Mortimer said "Quartz and 80<sup>th</sup> rd. needs to have ditches cleaned out and built up." Chris looked at an area between Rifle and Quartz on 120<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, there are stalks in the ditch which will be cleaned out with the mini-excavator.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to Attorney client privilege. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and County Attorney, Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 10:16.

JoDee Copple, Treasurer, brought bank statements for the Commissioners to sign off on. Commissioner Mortimer signed checks for Treasurers office.

Rick Shupe came into the meeting.

Commissioners went through invoices from departments to be paid. Commissioners asked Heather if she could start categorizing them by department going forward.

Rick Shupe, Ottawa County Republican Committee President talked about republican party filling the position of clerk. The earliest the party can do anything is 7 days after it is published. This notice was given to the newspaper today and will be published Thursday so the meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the courthouse basement. Commissioner Malmberg wants to know how the position is advertised. Applicants will send applications to the chairman. And then the chairman, Rick Shupe will send applications to all the committee members. Mortimer asked how many members they have. Rick replied with 26 members now. Rick said the process will be to have a public meeting and then afterwards there will be a secret vote and a Clerk will be chosen that night.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to take a 5-minute break. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, asked Commissioners about his budgets reflecting mowing for the county. The Commissioners said that he should not budget for mowing. Kenny gave an update on 4 different fencing companies for a new fence around the county shop, due to the windstorm. Kenny contacted a company out of Tescott and 3 companies out of Salina.

Commissioner Wolf called the Minneapolis Messenger about a bill from the payroll ad.

Heather Maddox gave the commissioners invoices, to approve. Claims register was signed. Commissioner Mortimer will be in the clerk's office Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8.a.m to sign checks.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:29. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.