

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 6, 2021

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 all present.

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

Those present were JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, Richard Buck, County Attorney, Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, Vicki Jensen, County Clerk. Todd & Gwen Begnoche were present for a few minutes, then left.

Vicki Jensen, County Clerk gave the commissioners minutes, abatements, invoices and claims register to approve.

Minutes from November 29, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Minutes from December 1, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Management reported routine business. He has been working on jail maintenance, 911 System, software at jail, switched lights to LED, fixed the plugged drain in courthouse basement and checked / replaced filters on detention center roof units.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff, gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 2, Saline Count 21, Sedgwick County 19, for a total of 42. Russ discussed staffing issues. They have advertised for correction officers and have had 1 interview in the last 45 days. With winter illness and vacations, there is not enough staff to cover appropriately. Russ will reach out to surrounding colleges who offer Criminal Justice and inquire about students who would like to find part-time employment.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator reported the crews are keeping up with mowing and routine business. Greg looked at dump trucks last week to purchase but did not find one. He will continue to search. Greg mailed 3 bids for loans for motor graders, 2 bids were returned and opened by the commissioners. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept the lowest bid from Citizens State Bank for two 2021 Caterpillar Motor Graders in the amount of \$385,730.00. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Ralph Shank joined the meeting.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator asked the commissioners if they had decided about a National Association of Counties (NACo) membership. There is health, prescription, dental and other benefits to all county residents. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to join the National Association of Counties (NACo) membership for \$450 per year, on a one-year trial basis. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Sara Hodges, County Health Department Administrator presented monthly update for the Department of Health and Department of Aging.

Katrina Pollet, Human Resources discussed changes in employee health insurance. Marie Ballou, Ardel Helget, Keith Coleman, Kim Winsett, Kenny Baccus, Sara Hodges, Truette McQueen, Greg Dockins and Russ Thornton joined the discussion. There are a lot of questions to be answered. Katrina will ask the BCBS & Freedom Choice representatives to hold a meeting with employees.

Commissioner Mortimer was approached by a community member about trailer parks in the county. Truette McQueen, County Appraiser & Zoning Administrator stated that the county zoning law dictates that trailers must sit on poured concrete or cinder block foundation, the property and the trailer must be in the same name, have same owner. Trailer cannot be older than a 1976 model. When a building permit is issued, owners can also apply for a permit to live in an RV, while building a house, with the stipulation that the home must be finished within 2 years.

Commissioners will hold a workday on December 20, 2021.

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Commissioner Mortimer motioned to go into executive session Attorney- Client Privilege Exception starting at 11:17. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners, and Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 11:27.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to go into executive session for Personnel Exception starting at 11:35. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were the Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 11:40.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 13th day of December 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk