

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

September 26, 2022

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, JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg
County Clerk, Heather Maddox all present.

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

Commissioner Mortimer was absent due to illness.

Commissioner Malmberg met with members of the Ada Community on Tuesday September 20th and let them know that the cell tower will not be built. The Community was pleased with this outcome.

Commissioner Malmberg attended the LEAPC meeting on Thursday

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the August 19, 2022 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$40,038.20

County General	\$13,777.20
Road & Bridge	\$4,809.56
Vehicle	\$50.67
Election	\$39.96
Bennington Twp	\$2,450.00
Garfield Twp	\$13,090.17
Historical	\$84.87
Jail Commissary	\$1,292.68
Law Enforcement	\$4,443.09

Visa Claims:

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

Public Comment:

No one present

County Departments:

Facilities Maintenance

Keith Coleman Courthouse repairs, Grounds keeping, Jail plumbing.

Sheriff's Office

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 4, Saline County 15, Sedgwick County 26, for a total of 45 inmates.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff talked to commission about jail cameras. The jail has entered a contract with Bosch for updates on the jail cameras. Sheriff Thornton is also looking into Benchmark Government Solutions, they are an all-around contractor for the Jail that could be used for food service, commissary, and phone systems. This could also help boost our payback. In November, Thornton will be sending Ottawa County Corrections Officers to train with Saline County Corrections.

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Road & Bridge

Administrator, Greg Dockins Discussed with commission about the Doering curve project. Malmberg asked about one lane and getting stop lights on both sides of the project. The options are to gravel 160th, and half of Mulberry, or to go around on the State Hwy 106 and 180TH. The highway department would have to put out signs if they made the detour on Hwy 106.

Community Corrections

Michelle Callam, and Andrew Pellant, presented the commission with a semi-annual update on how the community correction program is going. They have had 4 individuals involved with the adult supervision program for the past 6 months.

IT

Kim Winsett brought in front of the board a proposal for the Noxious Weed and Highway Department to get on the LockIT server to have full access to the new software system CIC. Commissioner Wolf wants the cost before a decision can be made. Mrs. Winsett will collect this information to present later.

Noxious Weed

Malmberg discussed Old World Blue Stem becoming a noxious weed. Baccus said he would be willing to make a plan and present it to the State to see if he could get it on the noxious weed list for Kansas. Baccus and the commission discussed the department as a whole. Malmberg asked Baccus if he would spray at the Ottawa County Museum, he said "yes, that is something I can do." Neal Kindall, Jim Kay, and Ray McGavran came into the commission meeting. Malmberg asked why the department was only spraying 2 days a week. Baccus explained he was coordinating spraying bind weed with the road graders, Malmberg said he needs to drain his left over chemical from bind weed control into a tote and refill with brush control spray for use on the remaining 3 days. Commissioner Wolf said there had been complaints of not being open during business hours, so it was agreed for someone to be available during posted hours.

Museum Board

Commission talked with Museum Board about a constituent that came in last week and discussed the outside appearance of the Ottawa County Museum. Wolf said if there is an issue, please let the commission know so they can let the Noxious Weed department know when they need to get the facility sprayed.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Including Wolf, Malmberg, Neal Kindall, Ray McGavran, and Jim Kay.

Commissioners

Commissioner Wolf presented to the commission board, a quote for a locator for water lines from the City of Bennington. Malmberg said at this time the commission will not be looking at using ARPA Funds for this type of project. The city will need to look at the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, second by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved that employees that are affected by the decision made in August, that beginning on October 1st the county will no longer be reimbursing the Social Security supplemental insurance. This will put the County in compliance with IRS laws. All affected employees were notified of this change after the August 22nd meeting.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

KAC Meeting at the Farm downtown Minneapolis @ 9:30am, Wednesday, October 8th.

KAC Conference in Overland Park, October 17th- 19th

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:55am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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ADOPTED this 3rd day of October 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