

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 22, 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 all present.

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

Those present were Leland Johnson, & Shelby Walker.

Public comment, Leland Johnson invited the Commissioners and anyone available to the groundbreaking ceremony for the Veteran's Memorial on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Malmberg attended a round table discussion, Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill in Salina. North Central Regional Planning put this meeting together for the area entities

On Thursday August 18, Commissioner Malmberg and Commissioner Wolf attended a Radio meeting about the 800mhz radio system.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported doing yard maintenance, etc at the Courthouse and Jail.

Clerk Maddox joined the meeting at 9:00am.

Russ Thornton Ottawa County Sheriff and Tyler VanCoevern, Ottawa County Undersheriff, gave a prisoner count of Minneapolis City 1, Ottawa County 3, Saline County 11, Sedgwick County 24. Commissioners and Sheriff Thornton talked about 800mhz radios for county wide, Fire departments and EMS departments. Commissioner Mortimer asked Thornton and VanCoevern if they have a grant writer. Sheriff Thornton said they have talked to a few agencies and will continue to search for help.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator asked the commissioners if he could bid on a Dura Patcher on Purple Wave. Commissioners agreed. Commissioners signed a Commitment Contract for the straightening of the curve on the Wells Road. Josh with Kirkham Michael was in last week talking to Greg about 3 bridges needing to be fixed. Kirkham Michael are helping Ottawa County apply for a grant to help with the expenses of repairs. There are only 2 grant programs, and they are going to try to get a bridge on each program. If successful, one program Ottawa County may only have to match 7% of the total cost. The second program will pay 100% of the project, Ottawa County will have to pay the engineer but that will be the only cost to the county.

Brett Prochaska, and Gary Bacon, talked about the Ada water grant they applied for with KDHE for less than 50 people, they don't have a plan in place, so they can't apply for the loan for another year. They are having 2 or 3 water breaks a year and they would like to have those areas replaced. It's taken a lot of money to repair when they need to get things fixed. If they replace the lines on the north side of Ada that feeds the town, they could get a contractor to help. Commissioner Mortimer asked if there was an estimate on the project. Mr. Prochaska said it was discussed it could be a \$10,000 project. Commissioner Wolf asked how much money would the water district need? They said 10,000 could do the north side of Ada that is the most critical area. Commissioner Malmberg and Mortimer discussed the "BIL" Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and asked them to call North Central Regional Planning and ask them for information on BIL.

Richard Buck, County Attorney asked for an executive session.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to go into executive session pursuant to ongoing litigation. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Richard Buck County Attorney. The group returned to regular session at 9:53. No decision was made.

Angie Saenger and two representatives with Parallel Towers came into the meeting.

Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, presented a resolution to the commissioners for a cell tower located at 1261 N 130<sup>th</sup> Rd in Minneapolis. The zoning board approved this on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were no conflicts of interest for commissioners to recuse themselves. The Clerk's office did not receive any opposition.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve Resolution 22-18. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Truette McQueen. The group returned to regular session at 10:36.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to allow Truette to move forward with the raises he requested, Truette \$200 for zoning a month and \$1/hr for both staff in the Appraiser's office. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 2-1. Wolf Yea, Mortimer Yea, Malmberg Nay.

The commissioners discussed with Mr. McQueen about separating out the Zoning budget from the Appraiser's Budget for next year.

Minutes from August 15, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

JoDee Copple, Payroll Clerk came into the meeting to discuss insurance.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:42. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 29th day of August 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Member

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D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

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Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk