

## Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

September 19, 2022

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

Commissioner Mortimer was absent from the meeting.

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

Commissioner Malmberg moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Linda Hendrixson came in and talked to the commissioners about beautification of the Museum. Mrs. Hendrixson told the commissioners that three community members and herself helped remove weeds from the front of the County Museum. Hendrixson said that it is embarrassing for our community to have this happening and no one taking care of it. Commissioners said that they would get with the Museum Board and with Noxious Weed Department and discuss what will be happening in the future.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported maintenance in the courthouse, the roofers were here Wednesday Thursday and Friday last week. Coleman worked at the Jail on plumbing.

John Shea, North Central Regional Planning came into the meeting.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff and Tyler Vancoevern County Undersheriff, gave a prisoner count of Minneapolis City 1, Ottawa County 3, Saline County 17, Sedgwick County 27. Sheriff Thornton talked with commissioners about wanting to update cameras in the Jail.

John Shea, director of North Central Regional Planning introduce himself to the commissioners. He wanted to make sure the commissioners knew what different programs NCRP offers. He discussed the BIL program they are helping with. Shea talked about keeping the rural communities alive and growing. North Central Regional Planning has a new funding opportunity for 2023.

Brenda Taylor came into the meeting.

Sara Hodges, County Health Department Administrator and Trisha Smith, Health Department RN, asked commissioners to sign a WIC contract, Commissioner Malmberg signed the contract. Commissioners, Hodges, Smith and Maddox called Scot Loyd to discuss the Health and Aging budgets.

Ralph Shanks entered the meeting.

Commissioners will attend the KAC meeting on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at the Farm in Minneapolis. Richard Buck, County Attorney asked to go into executive session.

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session pursuant to Attorney Client Privilege. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried. Those present were Commissioners and County Attorney Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 10:36 am.

Ralph Shanks left the meeting.

Commissioners would like the public to know the ADA Cell Tower litigation was dismissed with prejudice as of September 14, 2022.

Brenda Taylor Left the meeting.

Commissioners asked JoDee to come up to the meeting to talk about salaries and insurance.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:56am. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

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**Upcoming Meetings Commission attends:**

KAC Meeting at the Farm downtown Minneapolis 9-28-22 @ 8am.

KAC Conference in Wichita October 17<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>

No commissioners meeting on October 17th

ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 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