

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

## September 30, 2024

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  
 Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer  
 Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg  
 Carla Grund  
 Brandon Copple  
 Duane Morris  
 Brandon Baugh  
 Keith Coleman  
 Karl Leech  
 Cory Connelly

JoDee Copple, Treasurer  
 Heather Maddox, County Clerk  
 Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk  
 Jeff Ebel, County Attorney

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

**Claims for Approval: Totaling \$163,286.33**

County General	\$10,490.85
Road & Bridge	\$60,604.80
Solid Waste	\$27,004.83
Noxious Weed	\$288.71
County Health	\$41,162.68
Law Enforcement Center	\$105.73
Aging	\$786.08
Appraiser	\$204.30
Employee Benefits	\$4,283.71
F.D. #1 O&L GEN	\$135.63
F.D. #2 MPLS GEN	\$770.50
Jail Commissary	\$215.96
Morton TWP Road	\$1,661.25
Vehicle	\$115.52
Bennington TWP Road	\$6,650.00
Historical	\$70.00
Center TWP Road	\$7,301.40
Henry TWP Road	\$1,275.00
Election	\$159.38

**Public Comment:**

Brandon Copple spoke with commission about a bond meeting. He does not want Wolf or Malmberg at the meeting. He wants to bring wind towers to the county. Commission said this has to go through zoning first.

Carla Grund asked when early voting was starting. October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8 am to 5 pm in the front of the clerk's office will be the first day for early voting.

**County Departments:**

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## **Tescott Fire Dept**

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved \$42,036.00 amounting to 2.15 mills for the Tescott Fire Dept 2025 budget.

## **County Attorney**

Commission talked with County Attorney Ebel about the Housing Authority solid waste not being paid since 2017.

## **Human Resources**

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Campbell, and Ebel to return at 8:50 am. Commission came out of session then returned for additional 5 minutes ending at 9:00 a.m.

## **Choose Ottawa County**

Katie Vanderhoff, Owen Kindall, and Cade Rensink came in to speak with the commission about a quarterly update and grants. Work is being done on a splash pad grant for Delphos. CBDG is what the grant is named that is being applied for.

## **Maintenance**

Coleman came in to discuss the Community Building Solutions findings concerning the electrical. Keith wants to clarify with them about panels. A fire drill was performed on Friday. There are repairs needed to the fire alarm.

## **Register of Deeds**

Marilyn Heck came in to discuss with commission about a software support bill of \$5,207.58. Since there is a large dollar amount in her IT fund Malmberg would like to see what the Register of Deeds office spends their IT fund on.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the amount of \$5,207.58 for the Register of Deeds software bill.

## **Human Resources**

Michelle Campbell talked with Commission about flu shots.

## **Road Closing Hearing**

Levi and Jessica Ebert came into a road closing hearing. Chris Smith came into the meeting. Wolf called the hearing to order at 10:09 a.m.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 24-15 to close Granite Road between 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>.

## **Public Works**

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into discuss a bus sign, being put on 180<sup>th</sup> and Buffalo Roads.

## **Sheriff**

Prisoner count Ottawa County 7.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved Payroll.

A executive session was requested by H.R Campbell and Clerk Maddox for the purpose of confidential data.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 15-minute executive session for confidential data including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Campbell, and Maddox to return at 11:05 a.m. Mortimer said no decisions were made from this discussion.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the September 23, 2024 minutes as corrected.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 07 day of October 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk