

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 20th, 2023

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

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox

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

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for non-elected to discuss employment, including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg.

Mortimer will come up with an ad for the HR position.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the bid from Central Office Service and Supply for \$19,139 for new desks and chairs for offices in the courthouse and Jail.

Malmberg would like to let other departments know that if they would like any desks from departments that are getting new furniture they will have first pick.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the March 13th, 2023 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$36,612.82

County General	\$9,746.79
Road & Bridge	\$3,491.50
FEMA	\$7,279.80
Ottawa Co 911	\$329.40
Noxious Weed	\$732.88
Aging	\$72.17
Durham TWP	\$6,924.50
Historical	\$287.21
Health Department	\$72.17
Technology Fund Clerk	\$460.21
FD#1 O&L	\$61.36
FD#2 MPLS	\$494.98
Commissary	\$371.00
Law enforcement	\$6,288.85

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

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County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 4, Saline County 24, Sedgwick 21, for a total of 49.

Register of Deeds

Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds presented to the commission an employee evaluation.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to establish form A-1 as Ottawa County's official evaluation form.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to reimburse Kim Winsett \$200 for a desk that was bought by her personally, for the Appraisers office. During discussion it was said that this desk could be used for a new employee.

Michelle Callam brought an update from the 28th Judicial District Community Corrections to the commission. Kathy Luthi came into the commission meeting. Commission talked about redistricting Ottawa County Emergency Services.

Road and Bridge

Chris Smith, Ottawa County Road Supervisor, and Joe Mullen, Road and Bridge Supervisor, presented the commission with a list of equipment that he thinks he will need in the future. Commission asked Smith to make a list of what he thinks he will need in the shop in the next year or so. Smith said there are a few trucks out at the shop that are 20+ years old. Smith said there are some things at the shop he would like to see be listed on Purple Wave, Malmberg asked how much equipment will be sold on Purple Wave? Mullen and Smith said they are looking at 2 tractors, dump trucks, a state truck, mower decks and a pallet of old saws. Smith would like to start 10 hour days on March 27th, until October 23rd. Smith gave commission an inventory list of what they have at the shop for equipment and vehicles. Malmberg asked Smith if he made a list of what is crucial that he is needing. Smith said he made the inventory list so the commission would look it over and they could be on the same page about what he would like or need moving forward. Malmberg said that there are 5 mowers, in your opinion would all 5 tractors and mowers need to be replaced all in one year? Smith said no, he thinks they could be spread out. Mortimer asked about the chip sealer, if it is in good shape to continue using. Smith said yes, its better than buying new for \$300,000. The chip spreader runs seamlessly after some work on it. Mortimer wants to know exactly what would need to be replaced. Smith said there is one that needs to be sold for sure, but 3 of them are ok. Malmberg asked if Smith has a price for a new mower or mower deck? Smith said he thinks that the decks would cost around \$25,000 each. Malmberg would like to use ARPA funds to pay down leased purchased motor graders. The interest rate is 5.27% on the last purchased motor graders.

Attorney

Richard Buck, Ottawa County Attorney came into the meeting to let the commission know what was said at the department head meeting that was held last week.

On a motion by Commissioner Mortimer seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for Attorney Client privilege to discuss including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Richard Buck.

Commission will have an evening meeting on April 3rd at 6pm in the Commissioner's room Suite 201. The North door will be unlocked for any constitutions that would like to attend.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:45am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 27th day of March 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk