
OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MINUTES

DECEMBER 08, 2025

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Carla Grund, First District

Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Second District

Commissioner Duane Morris, Third District

1. Call To Order

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Morris led the group in opening prayer followed by Commissioner Mortimer with the flag salute.

2. Road Discussion

Commissioner Mortimer discussed an issue with Ute Road and stated they would discuss it more next week.

3. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Mortimer read a thank you letter from Dancing Birds Studio.

4. 28th Judicial Nominating Committee Appointment

Tammi Cox, County Clerk, stated the previous appointment of the 28th Judicial Nominating Committee has resigned, and a new appointment is needed for the upcoming meeting. Jason Parks has agreed to be the appointment.

Motion – To appoint Jason Parks to the 28th Judicial Nominating Committee

MOTION BY– Commissioner Morris

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Grund

MOTION PASSED 3-0

5. Approval of Accounts Payable and Commission Minutes

The Commission reviewed and discussed invoices.

MOTION – To approve the accounts payable for \$249,747.16

MOTION BY– Commissioner Grund

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Morris

MOTION PASSED 3-0

MOTION – To approve the minutes for November 24th and December 1st.

MOTION BY– Commissioner Grund

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Morris

MOTION PASSED 3-0

6. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Morris discussed a sales tax for EMS funding. The Commission discussed a possible 1% sales tax. Commissioner Morris asked about what the plans are for the Blue Store. He stated he has spoken with some interested parties. Tammi Cox, County Clerk, reminded the Commission they had decided last week to wait until after the museum has gone to a 501c3. Commissioner Morris presented a study he did to pay employees longevity using the difference of the Christmas bonus. He stated he feels we did a disservice to the longest working employees. Commissioner Grund stated we have to look at the benefits we are already giving; she stated there have been substantial graces already given to employees. She asked what about the taxpayers. Commissioner Morris stated we need to keep our county employees happy, they have not been paid adequately for years. Commissioner Grund stated our employees are well taken care of. She stated if employees are complaining, we need to find new employees. Commissioner Morris stated this money was already built into the budget. Commissioner Grund stated we are supposed to work for our taxpayers and we are accountable to the taxpayers. It was the consensus of the Commission to discuss this again next week.

7. Adjournment

MOTION – To adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m.


MOTION BY– Commissioner Morris

SECONDED BY – Commissioner Mortimer

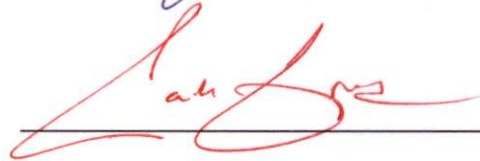
MOTION PASSED 3-0

ADOPTED this 5th day of January 2025.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS



Scott Mortimer, Chairman



Carla Grund, Member



Duane Morris, Member

ATTEST:



Tammi Cox, County Clerk

