

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 11, 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 and County Clerk, Vicki Jensen and Ottawa County Deputy County Clerk, Heather Maddox.

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

Vicki Jensen discussed the email change to ottawacounty.org and the old email of occlerk@ottawaclerk.org was not getting forwarded. LockIt and Kim Winsett stopped the forwarding as of April 1 and did not inform the clerk's office. Kim was out of the office last week and LockIt could not make any changes without her approval, so there will be more discussion this week to resolve. Commissioners decided that we should get ahold of LockIT today so we can figure out how to move forward.

Vicki Jensen left the meeting at 8:30 for CIC Software Training.

Minutes from April 4, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf, Commissioner Mortimer, Greg Dockins, Road and Bridge Administrator, and Chris Smith Road and bridge Assistant Administrator attended North Central Kansas Hwy Meeting in Ellsworth on Wednesday April 6.

Commissioner Wolf is enrolled to go to NACo in Aurora, Colorado July 20th-24th.

Commissioner Wolf attended the Weather Spotter Training on April 7, in the Courthouse Basement.

Commissioner Wolf spoke with Judith Swagerty regarding the Bennington Recycling meeting.

Heather Maddox Ottawa County Deputy Clerk, gave commissioners abatements, and register claims to approve. Heather handed out an invitation to see Tracy Mann at the Farm downtown Minneapolis. The meeting is at 8am on Monday April 18th. The commissioners will be attending the meeting at The Farm at 8am and will convene in the commissioner's room at the courthouse as soon as the meeting with Tracy Mann is over.

Commissioners called Kim Winsett into the meeting to discuss email issues and asked her to work with Vicki Jensen, Clerk and JoDee Copple, Treasurer to resolve the issues.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working on roof fans, researched more on the screens for the windows hasn't been able to talk to any providers, still just looking around. Keith worked on lights around the courthouse, and helped the sheriff's office on computer issues and lights. Keith fixed phones at the weed dept. Keith helped Dan with taking things out of the extension office so Dan could wax the floors on Friday. Today Keith will help move stuff back in. Commissioners asked Keith to look into renting a concrete saw, Keith said Road and Bridge has one we can use.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 4, Saline County 17, Sedgwick County 28. Sheriff Thornton talked with the commissioners about radio problems last week, Thornton said there is an issue with fire department traffic on radios and issues with dispatch being able to hear Deputy's. Thornton would like to get a dispatch terminal and car radios. The Sheriff's office would need 3 more radios to put in deputies' vehicles, and a replacement on the Dispatch terminal. Mortimer said he thinks this is a must to fix. Thornton discussed cameras and boards for running the jail. Cornerstone for a 5-year contract averages \$37,000 annually, \$185,000 for the 5-year contract. This is to monitor computers, locks and intercoms. Thornton looked into INAAALERT when a hard drive went down last week. Thornton said that INAAALERT would charge \$169,000 to replace all cameras and motherboard, this could be stretched into a 5 to 10 year payment. There is a monthly fee of \$99 for service calls to keep up door locks, computers, and cameras. This could be split between two budgets law enforcement and the

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jail so it wouldn't be a huge hit on one budget. Commissioner Wolf said the cost of getting all new and going with INAAALERT would be the same cost as staying with Cornerstone. Commissioner Malmberg asked if we had to get out of a contract with Cornerstone. Thornton said no. Sheriff Thornton will get a representative from INAAALERT to come speak with the commissioners.

Josh Beckman with Kirkham and Michael came into the meeting. Josh presented bids for a bridge east of Delphos. The Bridge is north of 41 Hwy on 120th. He gave commissioners bids from L&M Contactors, Inc. at \$233,895 and Reece Construction at \$265,351. The estimate that Josh came up with was around \$223,500. L&M was the lowest bid. Josh told Commissioners there is a program from the state that would reimburse the county up to \$150,000. Josh told the Commissioners that the County cost after KDOT reimbursement would be \$83,895

Commissioner Wolf moved to accept the low bid from L&M contractors for \$233,895 county bridge project M-2.9. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Josh told the commissioners that the start date to fix the bridge would be around October of 2022.

Commissioner Malmberg discussed a phone call about a bridge 1/8 of a mile east of Hwy 81 on Mulberry Road about a bridge eroding with Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator. Greg said he would go out and look at the bridge. Greg is attending a meeting in Hays to discuss BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law). KDOT asked local officials to help decide how to spend state money for County and local spending. Malmberg said there were a few phone calls this week with complaints on 20th road. Commissioner Malmberg asked what the decision was on 20th road and Hwy 18. Greg said there was nothing to be done. Commissioner Malmberg asked Greg to put dirt back in the ditch that was cleaned out on 20th road and Hwy 18 to prevent pooling of water on the road (if it ever rains). Commissioner Malmberg got a phone about big rocks in the middle of the road after the grader pulled the ditch. Another complaint was about a driveway that had dirt in front of it, so the landowner had to shovel it away. Greg said he would go out today to look at some of these problems. Commissioners and Greg talked with Josh about the river issue impeding on Rifle Rd. Josh and Greg will go out and look to see what recommendations Josh has.

Deputy Treasurer, Missy Witt is helping with the designing of the shrubs on the courthouse yard. Dan Mesecher came up to discuss Courthouse yard maintenance. Missy asked commissioners what they would like. The flagpole area and the north side stairs are the main concern. The bush on the north side of the front steps will completely be taken out. There are wooden barriers that are rotten and would need to be taken out and maybe replaced with pavers. Malmberg wants to have a written documentation when things are fertilized and trimmed. Malmberg mentioned to Missy, she should go look at Grass Land Gardens off 24 Hwy. Wolf asked what they should set the budget at.

Commissioner Wolf moved to spend up to \$2,000 out of the building fund for beautification with plants and pavers. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to take a 3-minute break. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kim Winsett, IT came into the commissioners meeting to talk about the email issue. Commissioner Malmberg read an email from LOCKIT. It was about email changes for department heads. Malmberg said her understanding with the new emails was to keep old emails for a few months after. Kim said she mixed up the dates. It was supposed to be dropped off April 1, not May as noted in an email from Kim. Mortimer asked if they could recover old emails. Kim said she doesn't think it would work like that because the email is closed. Kim will discuss with Vicki to see if she wants to reinstate her old email for a fee.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 10:38am. No decision was made.

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Commissioners asked Richard Buck, County Attorney to come in and talk about liability on Rifle Rd. Richard said there could be an issue. We are needing to find a way to get that fixed. Richard said maybe having barricades up would be a good idea, but it won't be a fix. Commissioner Malmberg said maybe get some signs up. Commissioner Mortimer called the Corps of Engineers in Kansas City, and they gave Commissioner Mortimer Matt Beckman name with the Army Corps of Engineers in Kanopolis. Matt will contact water resource people and get back to Mortimer this week. Commissioner Wolf emailed Elaine Bowers and hasn't gotten a response. Wolf also talked with a few other people from the state to discuss the issue. The commissioners do not have any answers but are working on the issue.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 am. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk