

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

January 31, 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 all present.

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

Those present were Vicki Jensen, County Clerk.

Missy Dewitt, Deputy County Treasurer gave the commissioner the December 31, 2021 payroll register to sign.

Vicki Jensen, County Clerk gave the commissioners minutes from last week, Solid Waste Exemption for approval, abatements for approval and a Resolution from Zoning for the Denial of SU-007-2021, Ada Cell Tower.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working on water main break with the city, broken window from the windstorm in the office used for storage and 8 more that are cracked. Keith has contacted 3 vendors to get bids for fixing windows. Hot water tank in courthouse basement is leaking and needs to be replaced. Oil leak on the chiller barrel, Keith is working with vendors to repair. Drains in the basement have sand in them. Keith had to snake the sewer, then run a camera. The camera found sand in the pipes. Waste oil furnace at Road & Bridge shop was leaking oil, Keith repaired.

Russ Thornton, Undersheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 3, Saline County 18, Sedgwick County 28. 2 deputies have been hired. Russ discussed employees that are out with covid and asked the commissioners if there is a new plan for covid pay. Vehicles on Purple Wave sold.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator reported cutting trees, training to pull sides up on roads, 120th N overlay quote, meeting at bridge on N 120th north of 41 with Kirk & Michael, bridge N of Bennington on Frontier. Greg registered as a CDL trainer. Hired a new blade guy for Wells. Pictures were taken of inventory items to match the list. Vehicles on Purple Wave sold. Hauled off scrap iron to All Metal in the amount of \$6,758.40, which will go back into the General Fund.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator presented the commissioners with Noxious Weed Annual Report, bid proposal for a lightbar, department update, bid proposal for GIS/GPS spray mapping and an update from Kansas Association of Counties. Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept the Ka-Comm bid for a light bar for \$1,562.48. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept the AgTerra bid for Spray Logger E3 for \$4,080.00. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned for a 3-minute recess. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Richard Buck, County Attorney asked for a 30-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf motioned to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 10:52.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned for Richard Buck, County Attorney to get into contact with CIC and various accounting firms to outsource payroll for the county. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned for Richard Buck, County Attorney to investigate outsourcing the HR Department. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg attended via Zoom North Central Regional Planning on Thursday, January 28, 2022.

Commissioner Wolf attended Senator Marshall's townhall meeting on Friday, January 29, 2022.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-02 for salaries of elected officers. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-03 for Ottawa County Road and Bridge pay scale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-04 for Ottawa County Sheriff's Department pay scale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-05 for Ottawa County Appointed Department Heads pay scale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-06 for Ottawa County miscellaneous positions pay scale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-07 for Ottawa County hourly employees pay scale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to accept Resolution 22-08 for Ottawa County Health Department pay scale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from January 24, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept the Lava Angus Processing counteroffer as stated in the email which is: 100% for first 3 years, 85% for years 4 – 10. Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Wolf motioned to send, to Lava Angus Processing, a counteroffer of 100% for first 3 years, 75% for years 4 - 10. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion not taken to a vote because Lava Angus Processing has not accepted an offer. Commissioners called Joe Serrano and left a message with the above offer.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:17. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 7th day of February 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