

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

January 3, 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 Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 am with opening prayer and flag salute.

Minutes from December 14, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion failed 1-2

Minutes from December 27th, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Those present were JoDee Copple, and Heather Maddox

Commissioner Wolf moved to appoint Greg Brenneman to the Lincoln township clerk to take Al Slaters resignation. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Commissioner Malmberg will get on a virtual call to Vote on an HR delegate.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to accept the North Central Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Deputy Clerk, Heather Maddox gave commissioners invoices and claims registers to approve.

Commissioners wanted to know about snow removal for the courthouse, they called Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Director to come to the commissioner's room to discuss overtime with employees to get snow removed from courthouse sidewalks and steps, Marie said that Dan is supposed to do sidewalks, but no set policy for when he has to get it done. Commissioner Wolf said "we should be doing it after the snow fall". Marie asked if the jail sidewalk is included, all Commissioners agreed and said we need to discuss with Sheriff Thornton. Commissioner Mortimer said we should have a set-in stone policy on time frame it should be done. Marie asked if they would approve the overtime for Dan to get it all cleaned off. Commissioner Malmberg asked if they should come in early and leave early instead of overtime. Commissioners said Marie should use discretion on either. Commissioner Mortimer asked if they should call in Kenny Baccus to help clean off sidewalks, and Greg to get on the parking area done. Commissioner Malmberg asked Marie to add snow removal on courthouse property by 7am on the next working day to custodians' job description.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported he changed lighting in the courthouse to LED, worked on sewer issues in basement of courthouse, Keith will run a camera down the drains to fix the issue, worked on inventory, worked on phone lines in appraisers' office, and went to road and bridge to install a new wire to hook up. Will continue working on issues with sewer this week.

Russ Thornton, Undersheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 1, Saline County 17, Sedgwick County 26 for a total of 44 prisoners. Mortimer asked Russ if there has been snow removal at the sheriff office, Russ said "yes, the corrections officers take breaks so they will get it done. No complaints from my side."

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to take a 5-minute recess starting at 8:54. Mortimer seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, discussed snow removal and when his employees go out. Reported that 3 trucks went out to remove snow around the county. Malmberg asked if the road and bridge department had a policy on employees being on call if it's supposed to snow. Greg said no, all they guys at the shop have just been told they need to be available to report if they get a call. Greg also calls the employees to let them know they won't run so they don't have to sit around all day waiting. Greg said he calls the sheriff's office to let them know they will be going out on the roads as well.

Sarah Hodges and John Carson came into the meeting.

Commissioner Wolf said she would like to participate in ROZ this year, she had learned a lot from the meeting they went to and likes the benefits it gives.

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John Carson told the commissioners that to get the new collection into the museum they would need around \$200,000 to add on to the museum and that would be 25-30 foot. Commissioner Wolf suggested doing a fundraiser or apply for a grant, Ottawa County Community Foundation, that is funded by Dave Hansen. John asked if the county attorney can draw a contract for the car collection to the museum. John said they are cleaning out a part of the museum now to be able to put in some of the collection. Commissioner Mortimer said that he has talked to Eric Nichols about storing some of the collection at the Ottawa County Lumber Yard. John said they can store the car that was given to Ottawa County in the Salina Museum for four months which would be good advertisement for the Ottawa County Museum.

Commissioner Wolf motioned they will wait to discuss Cost of Living Raises until after the savings on health insurance has been determined with the addition of new families and spouses added into the premium cost. Mortimer seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Richard Buck asked for a 15-minute executive to discuss Attorney Client privilege, Contracts. No discussion was made. Richard is going to call Whitt O'Brien Law firm to see if they can help with ARPA funds, looking into alternatives to the Loyd group and getting help with ARPA Funds.

Sara Hodges, Ottawa County Health Department Administrator gave monthly updates from the Department of Health and Department of Aging. Sara gave updates on Covid and booster shots.

Commissioner Mortimer Motioned to take a 5-minute break. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioners discussed the ROZ participation for 2022.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to table the Loyd group discussion until January 24th. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, Brought the Commissioners the 2021 Register of Deeds Monthly Revenue Distributions.

Heather Maddox, Deputy Clerk presented commissioners with Abatements to review. All Abatements were signed by commissioners.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to go into executive session to discuss attorney client privilege about contracts. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners, and Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 9:58 am.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to go into executive session to discuss confidential data/ cost of living raise. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners. The group returned to regular session at 11:22. No decision was made.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to go into executive session to discuss attorney client privilege, consultation with attorney for body. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 11:47. No decision was made.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Malmberg moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:52. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk