

## Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

January 10, 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.

Those present were Heather Maddox, JoDee Copple, and Richard Buck.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the December 14<sup>th</sup> minutes and attach the recording on the Ottawa County website. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to accept December 29<sup>th</sup> minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes from January 3, 2022. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motioned carried 3-0

Heather Maddox, Deputy Clerk presented the Commissioners with Mail, minutes, invoices, a solid waste exemption to approve, and a KWORCC invoice.

Commissioner Malmberg will go out to Frontier Rd to look at the property applying for the solid waste exemption.

There was no one present for Public Comment.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported he did snow removal Monday and Thursday morning at the courthouse and the museum, he put up conduit for a gas pump project at the Road and Bridge building, went to the jail to work on miscellaneous stuff.

Russ Thornton, Ottawa County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 2, Saline County 20, Sedgwick County 27, for a total of 49 prisoners.

9:00 – Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, said the snow crews put down brine this last week and removed snow. Looking at a new power washer, and will start cutting trees this week. The road and bridge department had another resignation. The commissioners asked Greg about a company vehicle being used, Greg then presented new pickup truck proposals.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, came into the meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to allow Greg Dockins, to not exceed \$35,500 on mid-sized king cab pickup truck. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Mortimer moves to authorize Richard Buck, JoDee Copple and Heather Maddox to pay, payroll liabilities for the month of December. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Malmberg voted yes for HR voting rights with KAC on Wednesday January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Old business of the ROZ 2022 participation was discussed, Commissioner Malmberg motioned to be a part of the ROZ program but not to fund it. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to add resolution 22-01 to the previous motion. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion passed 3-0

The League of Kansas Municipalities was presented by Heather Maddox, Deputy Clerk, Commissioners discussed it and decided it is not for county government per County Attorney advisement, Commissioner Malmberg moved to not join the League of Municipalities. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0

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Truette McQueen, Ottawa County Appraiser, presented a Kimball Mapping Contract to the commissioners. Truette said that the cost did not change from last year. Truette added that he likes the service and Kimball Mapping is excellent to work with.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to accept the Kimball Mapping contract for another year. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg asked Truette McQueen, Ottawa County Zoning Administrator about the Ada Cell tower to get some feedback on the situation. Truett said there will be a zoning hearing about it on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. In the Commissioners room.

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

Commissioner Wolf motioned to go into executive session to discuss nonelected personnel. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners, Russ Thornton and Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 8:55am. No decision was made.

JoDee Copple, treasurer, presented the commissioners with a stack of invoices and bills from the HR office. JoDee has been in touch with freedom claims about the County's new insurance.

Kathy Luthi came into the meeting.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to make JoDee point of contact for KPERS. Scott seconded. Motioned passed 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to have Mary Arganbright assist JoDee Copple, Treasurer and Richard Buck County Attorney with end of year payroll systems and provide guidance on new hire information and HR functions through the month of January. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to have Heather Maddox; Deputy Clerk pay the \$12,840 CPM bill for our final health bill. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to give a \$0.50 an hour raises to all employees, starting with January pay. During discussion Commissioner Malmberg asked if they were giving commissioners a raise as well. Commissioner Mortimer changed the motion to motion to give a \$0.50 an hour raise to all employees except commissioners starting with January pay. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motioned carried 2-1 with Commissioner Malmberg Nay.

JoDee Copple, Treasurer asked Commissioner Malmberg why she voted against the cost-of-living raise. Commissioner Malmberg said we have given a lot of raises this year already.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to pay the dues for Kansas Association of Countries in the amount of \$2,033.46 for Annual Membership dues for the whole county. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to pay the KWORCC invoice, in the amount of \$53,205.00.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to strike the word KWORCC from previous motion and change to KWORCC Workman's Comp Coverage. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Commissioner Wolf motioned to go into executive session to discuss Attorney Client Privilege, KCAMP. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners, and Richard Buck. The group returned to regular session at 11:55. No decision was made.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:35pm. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

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ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk