

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 2, 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 Deputy Clerk, Heather Maddox.

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

Those present were Jim Kay.

Jim Kay, Museum Board Member, asked Commissioners to appoint Leland Davis to fill an opening on the museum board. Commissioner Mortimer moved to appoint Leland Davis to the Museum Board on the recommendation of Jim Kay representing the Museum board. Commissioner Wolf second. Motion carried 3-0.

The Museum Board has contacted KCAMP about the Sinclair sign and it will be covered under the insurance. Jim Kay asked Commissioners if they would take into consideration from the Museum Board to pay Samantha Davis for coming in to talk with commissioners on her day off. Commissioner Wolf moved to pay Samantha Davis for an hour and a half, at time and a half, for her time coming into talk with commissioners on April 4, 2022. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. During discussion Commissioner Mortimer asked if the commissioners should consider paying Samantha mileage, it was stated that nobody gets paid to drive to work. Motion passed 2-1 Commissioner Wolf- Yay, Commissioner Malmberg- Yay, Commissioner Mortimer- Nay.

Jim Kay for public comment, said he was disappointed that the commissioners did not choose to participate in the ROZ program. Commissioner Wolf said that the county does participate in the program, we just do not fund it.

All three Commissioners attended the KCCA (Kansas County Commissioners Association) meeting last week from Tuesday April 26th, through Thursday April 29th.

Commissioners attended break out session with counties of similar size, one of the topics was about the delinquent taxes being paid on most recent years versus the oldest year. Proceeding forward, commissioners are looking into having delinquent taxpayers pay the most recent year first.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working on repairing things in the courthouse, Callabresi Heating and air came out to look at the chiller, they will be back to work on it again. KCAMP came out to do building audits for insurance purposes, Keith took them around to the County buildings. Commissioner Malmberg and Keith looked at the courthouse roof last Monday after the commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Wolf moved to accept the bid from AP Roofing for the amount of \$12,585 to fix and weld the seams of the roof. Mortimer seconded. During discussion Commissioners agreed that AP Roofing will be paid out of the building fund. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioners asked Keith to get something started on the screens to the courthouse windows. Commissioner Mortimer asked Keith if it would be feasible to buy a lift for the courthouse. Discussion about what exactly they would want, where it would be stored, what would be the most functional, and what would be the best for all the work that would need to be done. Keith will look into it.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to take a 5-minute break. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Russ Thornton, Ottawa County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Minneapolis City 1, Ottawa County 5, Saline County 15, Sedgwick County 26. Sheriff Thornton brought up the INA alert bid to the commissioners and said that the interest rate is really high. Thornton would like to get closed bids from Banks to see if they can get a lower interest rate. Commissioners agreed.

Tommy Barret joined the meeting.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator. Tommy Barret, and Brad Thurston came into talk with Commissioners

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about mowing contracts.

Tommy Barrett, said he has looked into getting a new mower, but they are backed up six to twelve months. Tommy would like to see what the insurance will really cost, and if he needs to be bonded. Barrett doesn't want to delay the mowing, but he wants to make sure he is getting the information that he needs.

Brad Thurston joined the meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer said this may not be the best year to start the contract mowing due to fuel rises and equipment prices jumping. Mortimer asked Brad Thurston if he has a mower. Thurston said he hasn't found a mower yet. Thurston asked the price the county is paying for mowing. Commissioners said It would be \$150 a mile with a minimum of 10 miles twice a year. They would want it mowed late spring and again in the fall. Tommy Barrett addressed 250th Rd north of 18 Hwy, he said it looks excellent, and told Greg his guys have done a great job on fixing the problem.

Greg asked commissioners if he would be able to put 2 county guys on mowing until they can figure out the contract mowing. Greg would like to put an ad in the paper for seasonal mowing help.

On 220th and Cloud Rd there is a bridge that is caving in, Greg looked at it last week and put a barricade over it until the guys can get out there to get it fixed.

JoDee Cople, Ottawa County Treasurer brought in the payroll register, Commissioners signed off on it. JoDee brought in the old HR computer, it was originally the Emergency Management computer. Marie Ballou Emergency Management suggested giving it to the Commissioners to utilize for Zoom meetings. JoDee brought in a contract from CIC for the CIC Employee Portal. The portal will be accessible to all Ottawa County employees so they can access their employee information.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to make an initial payment to CIC for the employee portal in the amount of \$512.50. Commissioner Wolf seconded. During discussion it was decided to take the payment out of HR funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Leland Johnson joined the meeting

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management, presented the Commissioners with a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan to be signed by Chairperson Malmberg. Marie informed the commissioners about the Active Shooter training on May 18th and all commissioners plan on attending. Marie had a hazmat training last week with the fireman and there was a total of 41 people who attended. Commissioner Mortimer asked if Marie had a Facebook page for Emergency Management. Marie said she did not. The Commissioners think she should set one up to keep the public updated. Marie said she would work on it.

Leland Johnson came to talk with the Commissioners about the Veteran Memorial update. Leland showed an updated photo of the Memorial to the Commissioners. Commissioner Malmberg asked about a location. Leland said yes, they have decided on a location but are still working on the logistics. Leland would like to see the memorial going downtown on the lot next to the Post Office. He has a dedication goal date of Memorial Day 2023. Leland has a grant writer and is hoping to get grant money to help with the project. He wants the County to be involved in funding the memorial, Leland asked if they could commit to putting the concrete down. Commissioner Malmberg asked if he knew how much the concrete would cost. Leland said a total of \$8,890 for a 24x30 foot slab and 5x10 foot sidewalk, this includes concrete and labor. Leland is projecting a total for the whole project to be around \$60,000-\$65,000. Commissioner Malmberg asked if they have any money set aside so far Leland said the VFW has committed \$5,000 but they have not asked for money or donations elsewhere. There is a fund set up at Citizens State Bank and a post office box for accepting donations toward the Memorial. Commissioner Wolf asked if he needs a commitment from the commissioners to do the concrete slab and sidewalk for the grant writing process. Leland said yes, he would like to be able to show that the county is committed for the grant writing

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process. Commissioner Malmberg wants to know what they plan on doing with the old Memorial at the Courthouse. Leland said he is not sure who put that in, but it is on the county property so it would ultimately be up to the county what they do with the old memorial.

Commissioner Mortimer Moved to take a 3-minute break. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg was not able to attend the North Central Regional Planning Committee because she was attending the Kansas County Commissioners Association Meeting.

Heather Maddox, Ottawa County Deputy Clerk, gave the Commissioners a claims register for the CIC employee portal to approve. Minutes from April 25, 2022, were reviewed. Commissioner Mortimer motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 9th day of May 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