

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 20, 2021

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District on Zoom, Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg were present.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:03 am with opening prayer and flag salute.

Those present were JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, Katrina Pollet, Human Resources, Vicki Jensen, County Clerk.

Vicki Jensen, County Clerk gave the commissioners minutes, Visa statements and claims register to approve.

Minutes from December 13, 2021 were reviewed. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioners received a resignation letter from Albert L. Slater, Jr., Lincoln Township Clerk, effective December 31, 2021. Commissioner Wolf will search for his replacement.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Management reported routine business. He replaced the kitchen faucet, cleaned return air vents, preventative maintenance on the dish washer, the heater in the mechanical room needs to be replaced, batteries need to be replaced for mag locks on doors in jail, fixed toilet, repair lights at the museum, , removed the tree that fell against the courthouse and various other tasks.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve the purchase of circulation pump for HVAC, cost of \$3120.00 from Salina Supply. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Keith asked for direction on lighting and asked if we should change all bulbs to LED lighting. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to approve purchase of LED light bulbs for the courthouse, at \$5.10 each, from Border States, not to exceed \$4,000. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to strike the word courthouse from the previous motion and replace with county. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff, gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 4, Saline County 19, Sedgwick County 22, and Geary County 7 for a total of 52.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator reported the crews have been cleaning up after the windstorm. They have removed tress from roads and will start chipping branches next week. Signs that were down have been put back up. Fence at the county shop is down, 2 vehicles had windows that were broken. Greg met with 2 fuel companies to get bulk fuel prices. Cannot find a decent dump truck, but semi's tractors and belly dumps are plentiful. Consider getting belly dump while waiting on dump truck to become available. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to pursue the purchase of a semi-tractor and a belly dump trailer, not to exceed his budget of \$80,000. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned for a 5-minute recess. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator sent out 3 bids, 2 were returned. Kenny presented bids from VanDiest and Nutrien Solutions. Commissioner Malmberg motioned to accept the bid for chemicals from Nutrien Solutions for \$17,436.65. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny reported storm damage of the fence that they share with Road & Bridge.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator and Keith Coleman, Facilities Management were called back into the meeting to discuss damage from the windstorm last week.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to approve the refund of \$1,104.47 to Brady Nuessen for Disposal of Dilapidated Housing Program. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motioned carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg motioned to follow FLSA Cobra Law for all employees effective immediately. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Wolf asked Katrina Pollet, Human Resources / Payroll if she had reconsidered her resignation.

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Katrina responded that she had several people ask her to reconsider but was not willing to do so at this time. Conditions of rescinding the resignation is the correction of the hostile work environment and a KOMA violation where a mistake she made in July was discussed in an open meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Work session followed until 1:33 p.m.

ADOPTED this 27th day of December 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Jensen, County Clerk