

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

September 16, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in Suite 201 at the Ottawa County Courthouse.

Those present were:

First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

Jerry Ayers

Duane Morris

Brandon Copple

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

Jeff Eble, County Attorney- Interim

JoDee Copple, Treasure

Commissioner Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay the CIC Software for another year in the amount of \$40,780.

Commission discussed broadband coming to Ottawa County and to the underserved areas.

Public Comment:

Jerry Ayers came to speak with the commission about the RNR meeting and gave his input. Ayers wants to educate the voter's about how elected officials don't control other elected officials and they should send complaints and opinions to the department heads.

Brandon Copple talked with commission about the possibly of windmills. Maddox gave the commission a resolution on allowing windmills in the county. Malmberg told Copple the zoning board has to approve wind generators before the commission signs anything.

County Departments:

Wolf talked about a wellness program, and changing the employee health insurance to allow an additional high deductible plan with the county putting money in a Health Savings Account for them. Commission would like to talk to Julie Yarmer, with FCMI about options.

District Court

Todd Heitschmidt came into the meeting and asked the commission to sign a form JA100 and JA101 for the Office of Judicial Administration for the 2025 approved budget.

Public Works

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into the commissioner's meeting and presented ranking sheets for the commissioners to fill out for the Laramie Bridge on Laramie Rd and Pipe Street for Wilson and Company, Kirkham Michael and BG Consultants. Smith and Mullen discussed striping and a possible company to use. Smith asked the commission about looking for two pick-ups for the Road and Bridge Department. Mortimer asked if they looked at the Doering Bridge. Smith and Mullen said they did look at it and they did not see any issue with it.

Sheriff

Prisoner count Ottawa County 6.

HR

Michelle Campbell provided the commission with overtime for the sheriff's department and dispatch, per Mortimer's request. This is to justify hiring a part-time 999 annual hour deputy.

Commission

Malmberg stated that she called Mike Montoya, attorney, multiple times and asked for a resolution that he obtained from the housing authority on Solid Waste fees for the Minneapolis Housing Authority. Montoya's office said they will have them sent over. Malmberg emailed Mike Montoya and asked for the resolution also.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to make Jeff Ebel the interim County Attorney/ Counselor on September 14, 2024 until the Governor appoints him.

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Claims for Approval: Totaling \$66,689.67

County General	\$19,203.43
Road & Bridge	\$9,514.30
Solid Waste	\$9,039.46
Vehicle	\$84.50
County Health	\$2,594.61
Appraiser	\$396.80
Employee Benefits	\$2,220.00
Law Enforcement Center	\$569.07
Aging	\$155.37
Building Fund	\$702.40
Henry TWP Road	\$1,102.03
Grant TWP Road	\$310.08
Bennington TWP Road	\$9,414.94
Historical	\$457.23
O&L Fire #1	\$2,802.12
Minneapolis Fire #2	\$4,050.99
Delphos Fire #3	\$2,817.98
Technology Fund/CLER	\$600.49
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$435.00
Election	\$218.87

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the claims as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the September 9th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Commission will attend the Solid Waste meeting on September 23rd at 6:00p.m. in the map room.
 Commission will attend the township meeting on September 24th at 6:30p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Member

Heather Maddox, County Clerk