

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

## September 23, 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

Duane Morris

Brandon Copple

JoDee Copple

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Stephanie Watkins, Deputy Clerk

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

### **Commissioners**

Commission talked about solid waste exemptions and fees. Commission called Kathy Luthi about information on the Solid waste fees for the Minneapolis Housing Authority. Commission called the City of Minneapolis to find out if they get a payment from the Housing Authority. Commission discussed with Taylor Belleville with the City of Minneapolis about the check they receive from the housing authority. Belleville said the city receives \$19,000 in a PLIOT check, it is a payment in lieu of taxes. Commission called Forest Rhodes office for advice on how to move forward with collecting Solid Waste fees from the Housing Authority payment in lieu of taxes.

### **County Departments:**

#### **Public Works**

Chris Smith and Joe Mullen came into the meeting to discuss the grading of the companies for the Laramie Bridge. Commission will get the grades to Smith this week. Smith brought the commission pickup options. Smith said they could get a trade in for \$26,500 for the Chevy Colorado pickup. Commission said they would like Smith to compare the warranty on the pickups.

Commission discussed with Smith about solid waste reports. Commission would like Smith to only pay the recycling boards the \$46.00 per ton like they pay to landfill in Saline County.

#### **Sheriff**

Prisoner count Ottawa County 5.

### **Commissioners**

Commission received a phone call back from Forest Rhodes office, via Don Berner. Berner said he would like to look at all the documents. Commission also asked if Cities should be paying this Solid Waste fee as well.

Clerk Maddox informed the commission she was going to hire CIC to do the taxes this year.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the September 16th, 2024 minutes as corrected.

Tyler Garst with Community Building Solutions discussed that he walked around the courthouse with Keith Coleman, Facilities Maintenance. Garst said there is definitely an issue with the roof of the courthouse. There is an issue with electrical outlets in offices. Garst also touched on the windows of the courthouse. The total of all three projects is \$1,330,000. Commission discussed using the capital outlay funds and the building fund. After speaking with Coleman about these issues the commission would like Garst to send over a contract to move forward on the electrical only. The cost to improve the electric and add more plug in throughout the courthouse is \$75,000.00 to \$125,000.00

### **Appraiser**

Truette McQueen came into the meeting to discuss the zoning regulations on possible wind farms in Ottawa County. McQueen said individuals would need to go through zoning before wind farms can be considered in Ottawa County. Commission discussed the possibility of the road and bridge pickup going to the Appraisers office. Truette will discuss the pickup with Chris Smith.

Truette is concerned because the minutes insinuated a mistake that was made is causing overtime in the appraiser's office, happened in the appraisers office. The mistake was not caused by the appraiser's office. Malmberg said to direct calls and concerns to her and she would explain to the public what happened.

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**Claims for Approval: Totaling \$26,238.57**

County General	\$1,240.21
Road & Bridge	\$21,222.86
Noxious Weed	\$254.45
Mlps Fire #2	\$104.26
Center TWP Road	\$3,086.47
Ottawa County 911 Fund	\$330.32

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the claims as presented in the amount of \$26,283.57.

**Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:**

Commission will attend the Solid Waste meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00p.m. in the map room was cancelled.

Commission will attend the township meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in the courthouse basement meeting room.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m. on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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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Heather Maddox, County Clerk