

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

February 27th, 2023

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
County Clerk, Heather Maddox

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk
Shelby Walker, County Deputy Clerk

Rick Shupe led the prayer.

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am followed by the flag salute.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg by unanimous vote the Board approved the February 21, 2023, minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$40,048.65

County General	\$250.24
Road & Bridge	\$7,021.95
Solid Waste	\$24,600.00
Noxious Weed	\$408.15
Aging	\$3,250.00
Appraiser	\$39.95
Law Enforcement Center	\$4,478.36

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

County Departments:

Courthouse Maintenance

Keith Coleman came into the meeting to discuss the door project. Coleman explained on the north & south side of the courthouse the structure will have to be replaced floor to roof line. Malmberg had questions about the breezeway doors to see if they were included in the quote, Coleman said no. Coleman stated we do have broken hinges, some of the doors are tweaked, and original closers have been taken out of the breezeway frames. The new doors that have been purposed will be a much heavier, safer door. Malmberg would like to know if the original doors could be rebuilt. Coleman says he had not investigated that option. Malmberg thinks the project is a lot of money. Wolf thinks we will still have issues with the project if we do not go through with the current bid. Mortimer thinks we should take the project out of the ARPA money. Coleman recommends either way would be okay, but the new doors would be more efficient than the current doors, the new lock system would be more efficient as well. If the current doors break, we will have issues with trying to replace them since they don't currently sit right in the frames and are original to 1955 with no replacement parts. Mortimer advised Coleman to investigate rebuilding the doors to see if there was another option available other than the purposed contract. Our purposed contact with Interstate is good till March 19th, 2023. Mortimer gave Coleman 2 weeks to look for other ideas.

Road & Bridge

Chris Smith Road Administrator and Joe Mullen Road Supervisor came into the meeting. They came to discuss job descriptions. Malmberg talked with Smith about some changes she thought needed to be made to the descriptions. The Commissioners signed off on all the job descriptions as corrected or written. Smith also talked about what the Road & Bridge department is doing this week.

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Yana Ross with KCAMP came into the meeting. She was here to talk about risk management programs that KCAMP has. Malmberg asked her to talk about how the County could improve our score with KCAMP and lower our annual deductible. Ross presented several programs to help the County with our risk management. KCAMP representative will meet with the department heads later this afternoon to talk about risk management.

Health Department

Sara Hodges Health Department Administrator came into the meeting. Hodges presented State aid to local and covid funding. Hodges had commissioners sign off on a grant for the Health Department.

Sheriff

Sheriff Thornton and Under Sheriff Vancoevern came into the meeting. Vancoevern talked with the Commissioners about the 800mh radios. A proposal was submitted from Michaela Divoll with First Wireless Incorporated. Commissioner Wolf conference called with Michaela Divoll to talk about the proposal, since Michaela was unable to be here in person. Michaela will be sending final costs to the commissioners for the 800mh radios with a break down for EMS, Fire departments, and Sheriff's office. Prisoner count for Ottawa County 9, Saline County 22, Sedgwick 17, for a total of 48.

Emergency Management

Marie Ballou Emergency Management Coordinator came into the meeting. Ballou presented the Commissioners with a sign notification of withdrawal of request for public assistance FEMA-4504-DR-KS (covid-19 expenses). Ballou presented to the Commissioners that she will be getting a new intern from Kansas Wesleyan University – Cody Flax from May 16th to July 20th, working Tuesdays & Thursdays. Ballou said there will be HazMat IQ training March 2, 2023, at Bennington – Minneapolis training went well. She had 26 in attendance and expecting 40 to 45 attending in Bennington. Statewide siren test is set for March 7th, 2023, at 10:00 am the courthouse will be participating that day. There will be a storm spotter show Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 7:00pm in the Courthouse basement.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Commissioners will attend the Scot Loyd budget training.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:57am on motion by Commissioner Malmberg and seconded by Commissioner Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 6th day of March 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

D.D. Malmberg, Member

Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk