

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Heather Maddox, County Clerk

Leland Johnson

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and Leland Johnson led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

Brett Prochaska came into the meeting, to give Maddox an invoice for Standard Drilling and Water Well Service, LLC.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved the April 10th, 2023 minutes as presented.

**Claims for Approval: Totaling \$61,461.85**

County General	\$7,363.41
Road & Bridge	\$30,608.13
Solid Waste	\$8,099.94
Ottawa County 911	\$265.32
Aging	\$1,980.96
Bennington TWP	\$9,060.05
Blaine TWP	\$1,207.44
Morton TWP	\$615.52
County Health	\$11.16
FD#1 O&L	\$54.91
FD#2 MPLS	\$205.50
Jail Commissary	\$112.07
Law Enforcement Center	\$1,877.44

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

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to have evaluations for non-elected department heads due in December and pay raises will be in effect on the January payroll following the annual pay resolution.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to give Elected Officials a pay raise in January following the annual pay resolution.

**Public Comment:** Leland Johnson came into the commission meeting to give an update on the Veteran's Memorial, downtown Minneapolis. Mr. Johnson invited the commission to a dedication for the new memorial fund at 2:00pm on May 27, 2023. which is open to the public. He wanted to extend his appreciation to the commission for their support with APRA Funds to this project.

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## County Departments:

### **Sheriff**

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 2, Saline County 14, for a total of 16.

### **Road & Bridge**

Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Administrator, and Joe Mullen Road and Bridge Supervisor brought the commission closed bids for sand chip seal. Commission opened it. Circle C Paving was the only contractor that sent a bid.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the bid from Circle C Paving, in the amount of \$144,000. For sand chip seal for 25 miles from the 4-lane on Limestone to the Clay County line on the Wells Road. Smith talked with the commission about an easement for new power lines for the expansion of the Sunrise Addition in the city of Minneapolis.

Brian Kindall, Fair Board came into the commission meeting to go over the fair board budget for 2024 he also updated them on fair events and improvements being made at the fairgrounds.

Malmberg asked if the fair board has by-laws. Kindall said yes, he would get them to the commission. Malmberg let Kindall know that Keith Coleman is the county facility maintenance manager, so the fair board could reach out to Coleman for assistance if needed.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss IT including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Kim Winsett.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss HR job applications including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg.

### **Clerk**

Heather Maddox, County Clerk discussed with the commission about Weston Wilson coming to the office to ask if the county would consider taking over maintenance for Alpine Ridge Lane. Commission said not at this time.

Maddox talked with the commission about setting dates for budgets with the Loyd Group.

Commissioners have set a work session for HR interviews on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00pm-6:30pm

Maddox discussed the new suggestion box in the server room with the commission and the idea of having a potluck, cook-out for the employees and their families.

Copple talked about putting a replacement paper shredder into capital outlay and having someone else in charge of it.

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With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:46am on motion by Wolf and seconded by Malmberg. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

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Dawn Wolf, Vice-Chairman

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D.D. Malmberg, Member

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Scott Mortimer, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Heather Maddox, County Clerk