

# Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

## Those present were:

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer  
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg  
First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, by zoom  
County Clerk, Heather Maddox  
JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Commissioner Mortimer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and Maddox led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved the January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as presented.

## Claims for Approval: Totaling \$46,015.34

County General	\$21,386.20
Road & Bridge	\$12,938.33
Noxious Weed	\$1,696.52
Aging	\$19.35
Museum Expansion	\$750.00
Historical	\$262.54
Appraiser	\$243.49
FD #2 MPLS	\$1,900.62
FD #3 Delphos	\$353.00
Jail Commissary	\$4,948.82
Law Enforcement	\$4,948.82

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

## County Departments:

### Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 3, Saline County 27, Sedgwick 19, for a total of 49  
Russ Thornton, Sheriff, Tyler Vancoevern, Undersheriff, and Hannah Bett, Deputy Saline County Administrator, talked with the commission about implementing 800mhz radios and what it would entail moving forward.

### Emergency Management

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management, talked to the commission about the state wide tornado drill in March, and talked about a severe storm safety class that will be in the basement in March as well. Ballou gave commission job descriptions for her departments. Commissioners signed off on them.

Tanya Paul, Domestic Violence Awareness of Central Kansas (DVACK) representative, came in to read the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Proclamation. Paul would like the commission to designate February 2023 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to designate February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

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## Facilities Maintenance

Keith Coleman, Facilities Maintenance Manager came into the meeting to update the commission on the new plumbing that LeDuc did last week. Coleman looked into INAalert camera systems in greater detail and said he liked the concept of this security system.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the bid from INAalert for new security system to come out of ARPA funds totaling \$151,341.99.

Coleman went over his job description, commission approved it.

## Road and Bridge

Chris Smith, Road and Bridge Administrator, and Joe Mullen, Road and Bridge Supervisor discussed with the commissioners 4 new hires filling current vacant positions.

Smith said they have an 811-dig safe meeting coming up in March, that some of the shop guys would like to attend. Commission suggested that they wouldn't pay overtime for the meeting but would be okay with providing transportation for the employees that would be attending the meeting. Commission talked with Smith and Mullen about PPE for the Road and Bridge department.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm on motion by Malmberg and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February 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