

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 25, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer, Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg and County Clerk, Heather Maddox all present.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and led the opening prayer and flag salute.

Those present were Keith Coleman

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working at the museum and weed department. He worked on things at the Sheriff's office and Courthouse.

Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Keith Coleman. The group returned to regular session at 8:25.

Russ Thornton, Ottawa County Sheriff gave a prisoner count, City of Minneapolis 1, Ottawa County 4, Saline County 19, Sedgwick County 23. Commissioner Malmberg talked to Russ about the panic buttons in the courthouse. Keith and Sheriff Thornton will work together to come up with a solution to get the courthouse and jail up to date with new cameras and panic buttons.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, Chris Smith, Road Supervisor, and Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment Sales Representative, came into the meeting. Commissioner Wolf asked Greg about 170th rd and if the county employees have fixed the low spots. Commissioner Wolf said that 170th Rd. shoulders have been completed and look very nice. Commissioner Mortimer asked Greg if he could look at Ute Rd. Jeff Bender with Foley Equipment discussed with the commissioners about new motor graders for the county. Mr. Bender discussed new prices and trade in values. The new graders will be available in December.

Richard Buck County Counselor came in and looked over the contract with Foley.

Truette McQueen Zoning administrator came into the meeting, Fernanda Cortez Monreal, Linda Freton, Gary Foxhoven, Connie Foxhoven, and Miguel Martinez Cortez were present for the Zoning hearing SU-004-2022. Applicant is Miguel Martinez Cortez; He is requesting a special use for a rodeo on his property in Bennington Township.

Commissioner Wolf moved to approve the planning board's recommendation and deny the request. Commissioner Malmberg seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management, talked with commissioners about a new custodian job description.

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session pursuant to non-elected personnel. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners, Richard Buck and Marie Ballou. The group returned to regular session at 10:23.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, talked to the commissioners about the county tax sale. Klenda Austerman LLC., in Wichita would be the firm we would use. Instead of using the county counselor. JoDee has asked the Commissioners if they would consider having employees that turn 65 while employed by the county, move to Medicare and the county would reimburse them the supplemental insurance. Commissioner Malmberg asked JoDee to discuss with the insurance company to see options to move forward. Commissioner Wolf asked JoDee to see if our insurance offers a supplemental insurance.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to use Klenda Austerman LLC for the upcoming tax sale. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Malmberg moved to reimburse county general from ARPA funds the \$10,000 that was expended on 7-18-2022 for the Veterans memorial. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Wayne Reed came into the meeting, to discuss the minutes for the commissioners meeting. Commissioners

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explained that they are subject to follow the KOMA, (Kansas Open Meeting Act) Regarding executive sessions and how if we discuss non-elected personnel it must be done in executive session.

Commissioner Wolf attended NACO Conference last week.

Minutes from July 18, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Wolf motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:50. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

ADOPTED this 1st day of August 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk