

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 12, 2022

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,

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer

Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox

Armin Wrape joined the meeting for prayer.

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 8:00 am and Karen Ballou led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

Heather Maddox, County Clerk discussed with the commissioners how the commissioners' minutes in the newspaper look different than what is presented to them weekly to approve.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved the December 5th, 2022 minutes as presented.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$311,475.31

County General	\$20,305.72
Road & Bridge	\$51,902.02
Special Bridge	\$167,522.15
Solid waste	\$27,302.80
Ottawa Co 911	\$356.61
Hospital Debt Service	\$1,500.00
Election	\$12.00
Building Fund	\$120.00
Noxious Weed	\$941.43
Aging	\$931.99
Richland Twp	\$6,650.38
Sheridan TWP	\$12,590.22
County Health	\$1,669.19
Appraiser	\$120.41
Technology Fund Clerk	\$21.50
FD #2 MPLS	\$930.00
FD #3 Delphos	\$51.75
Jail Commissary	\$97.60
Law Enforcement	\$18,449.54

Visa Claims: Totaling \$

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

Public Comment: No one was present

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County Departments:

Emergency Management

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management came in to let the commissioners know that she did receive \$16,316 for the EMPG Grant. That is \$4,962.30 more than what was received last year. Ballou said this grant is to help the county pay for her salary. Malmberg asked how much went into the General fund last year from this. Ballou said \$11,900 was put into the General fund to help with her salary. Ballou talked to the commission about a county wide communication system, which is an internal or external system to communicate with employees or community members this was funded by Homeland Security. We could use it to put out, e.g. a boil advisory, or if we would need to evacuate the courthouse, they could let the community, or the employees know what is happening in the area. Malmberg asked how does this work? Ballou said people would need to sign up with Emergency Management to get their email or phone number on the list for alerts. Ballou also talked with the commission about the Ottawa County Emergency Operation Plan. This plan outlines what the commission's responsibilities are during an Emergency for the County.

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 3, Saline County 22, Sedgwick 22, for a total of 47.

Russ Thornton, Sheriff, and Tyler VanCoevern, Undersheriff, talked with the commission about what courtroom security should look like, by statute K.S.A. 20-366 it states that every county shall provide security for each division of the district court as is determined by the county commissioners to be necessary. Thornton went to a sheriffs' conference and there was a booth that talked about a metal detector. Commission talked about what the week looks like for court. Thornton said it is sporadic as to when court is in session. It used to be one day a week but with other trials going on now it has become more. Thornton let the commission know that the Sheriff office will be moving forward with the 800mhz radios. Malmberg asked about the paging system. Thornton said they will still do the paging they have now. Malmberg asked if this was in his budget, Thornton said no, they are going to be leasing through a bank. They have yet to get bids from the local banks, \$175,000 is the total they will need for this.

On a motion by Commissioner Wolf seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for non-elected personnel to discuss courthouse improvement including Wolf, Mortimer, and Malmberg. Returning to regular session at 10:28am. No decision was made.

Seth Odette Saline/Ottawa County Sanitarian was put on the agenda by the commission to get an update. Mr. Odette presented the commission with a report that they installed 21 new systems county wide. One was a lagoon, another system they put in was an alternative system, because the water table was only 3 feet down. Three systems were done using the cost share program. That is a program put on by NRCS through the conservation office, they would have to get this inspected and Mr. Odette would evaluate this. There were 9 new constructions this year. Mr. Odette talked about getting some education out about water testing, pumping your sewage out correctly and how often that should be done.

Dave and Sheryl Hardesty came into the commissioner's meeting to discuss the solid waste contract for the next 5 years. Mr. Hardesty said that there has been a lot of changes in the last 5 years. There was discussion on what surrounding landfill fees are. Mr. Hardesty asked for a \$5000 monthly increase the first year, and then it would increase by \$2500 monthly for the following 4 years.

Treasurer/Payroll

JoDee Copple, talked with commission about the Municipal Investment Pool which has the opportunity to pay higher interest than what is currently available.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 22-22 to have the county be a part of the Municipal Investment Pool.

Copple also let commission know that there will be unused sick and vacation time paid out at the end of December.

Upcoming Meetings Commission will attend:

Malmberg will attend a budget meeting on Friday December 16th in Salina.

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On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to have the diversion account moved to its own account and out of the general fund.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Mortimer. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There will be no meeting on December 26th. The commission will meet for special session on Wednesday December 28th at 11:30am.

ADOPTED this 19th day of December 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