

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 28, 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,
Second District Commissioner Scott Mortimer
Third District Commissioner D. D. Malmberg

County Clerk, Heather Maddox
County Attorney, Richard Buck

Commissioner Malmberg called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and led the group in opening prayer, followed by the flag salute.

Kim Winsett came into the meeting to discuss with the commission about an employee. Winsett asked for an executive session with the commission.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for Non-Elected Personal to discuss bereavement including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg and Kim Winsett.

On a motion by Commissioner Malmberg seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to extend the session for 5-minutes for non-elected personnel to discuss bereavement including Wolf, Mortimer, Malmberg, Kim Winsett, and Richard Buck.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved that if a death falls under the next of kin bereavement policy, the county will give up to \$40 for a plant or a monetary donation towards the funeral.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Maintenance Manager came into the meeting to discuss the sewer in the basement. Coleman said he got the basement dug up and the pipe cut, B&B Waste Management came in and cleaned out the pipe. Coleman will get a camera in next week to look down the pipe. The pipe is tile from 1950's, and the pipe is buried under the new addition of the Jail. Coleman will update the commissioners after the camera is used.

The commissioners discussed the solid waste contract. Malmberg said she talked to Dave Hardesty about what all the landfill has to pay for and Malmberg let Hardesty know that she misunderstood what the proposal was to the Commission. Wolf asked the other commissioners, what if we don't do a 5-year contract, but something shorter? The commission discussed that it would be better for the County if we kept with the 5-year contract. Wolf said she didn't realize it was a 25.5% increase until she looked at it after the meeting. Mortimer said it's not just the trash industry that's going up, its everything. Richard Buck, County Counselor suggested the Hardesty's come in to renegotiate. On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to reinstate the 2023 League of Municipalities membership.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pay the annual North Central Regional Planning invoice for membership.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved North Central Regional Planning quarterly invoice.

On motion by Commissioner Mortimer, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved to accept the solid waste exemption for First Baptist Church.

Claims for Approval: Totaling \$62,304.45

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County General	\$23,621.19
Road & Bridge	\$6,565.91
Drug & Alcohol	\$250.00
Noxious Weed	\$24,102.81
Richland TWP	\$768.63
F.D. #2 MPLS	\$383.12
Jail Commissary	\$319.08
Law Enforcement	\$6,293.71

Visa Claims: Totaling \$ 3,198.39

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

No one present for public comment

County Departments:

Sheriff

Prisoner count for Ottawa County 3, Saline County 21, Sedgwick 20, for a total of 44.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Malmberg, by unanimous vote the Board approved to pass Resolution 22-30 to transfer \$4,400 from the Museum fund to Museum Expansion fund.

On motion by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Mortimer, by unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 22-31 transfer \$7000 from fire district #3 general to Fire District #3 Capital Outlay.

On motion by Commissioner Malmberg, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, by unanimous vote the Board approved Resolution 22-32 to move the Diversion fund out of County General to its own fund.

With no further business before the commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm on motion by Mortimer and seconded by Wolf. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of January 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OTTAWA COUNTY, KANSAS

Dawn Wolf, Member

D.D. Malmberg, Chairman

Scott Mortimer, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Heather Maddox, County Clerk