

Ottawa County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 1st, 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.

Commissioner Malmberg attended the North Central Kansas meeting this last week.

Minutes from July 25, 2022 were reviewed. Commissioner Mortimer moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Heather Maddox, Ottawa County Clerk, presented invoices to the commissioners and minutes from July 28th.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator and Chris Smith, Road Supervisor, gave commissioners the bridge inspection from B&G Consultants. Commissioners asked how many critical bridges do you have? Greg said that there is only one that is critical. The commissioners inquired about the storm last week, wondering how much damage was done. Chris said it was mainly Minneapolis that got hit. The county crew was out all-day Thursday chipping up limbs and clearing off streets that had limbs on them due to the storm Wednesday night. Commissioners said they appreciate the crew going out and helping the community.

Russ Thornton, County Sheriff gave a prisoner count of Ottawa County 5, Saline County 19, Sedgwick County 22. Commissioner Mortimer moved to go into executive session pursuant to Student, Patient or Resident Exception. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Those present were Commissioners and Sheriff Russ Thornton. The group returned to regular session at 9:01. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Facilities Manager reported working at the courthouse on clean up from wind damage. Marie Ballou, Emergency Management, joined the conversation to discuss the custodial position. Commissioners asked Marie what the position would entail. Marie said that it would be more like grounds keeper, custodian. Commissioners told Marie that they would discuss and let her know. Commissioner Wolf moved to adopt the resolution 22-17 to declare State of Emergency for Local Disaster for Ottawa County. Commissioner Mortimer seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

JoDee Copple, Ottawa County Treasurer, brought in payroll and it was signed off on.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator came into the meeting. Commissioners discussed complaints of Noxious Weed. Commissioner Mortimer said we have a problem with bind weed, and it needs to be sprayed. Kenny said that the problem with bind weed is that after it is sprayed it needs to be left alone so it can work. Kenny said it needs about a week to get set in. Kenny said he does communicate to Road and Bridge where he is spraying. Commissioner Malmberg said there is a problem with brush in her district. Kenny said that the mower should be getting most of it when they are out. Malmberg asked Kenny what chemical he is using, Kenny said Milestone, 2-4D and Tordon. Kenny said after he goes down a road, that's it for a year. He doesn't spray a road more than once a year. He said there is about 1200 county road miles in Ottawa county, and it is hard for 2 guys to spray it all. Mortimer told Kenny this isn't working, there has to be some changes. Commissioners asked Kenny to come up with an improvement plan. Kenny said they already split the county between the 2 of them. Kenny said that they could be focusing on other weeds rather than less noxious weeds.

Commissioners asked Marie to come back to the meeting to discuss the Custodial position again. At this time the commissioners have decided not to fill the open custodian position, but to look for three bids for a mower/ground's keeper.

With no further business before the board Commissioner Mortimer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:39. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioners immediately followed with a work session that ended at 6:24 p.m.

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ADOPTED this 8th 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