

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Otoe County Courtroom (108) of the Courthouse in Nebraska City; then convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were not read as each Board Member was furnished with copies of the same. Members present were Commissioners Jerad Sornson, Rick Freshman, Dan Crownover, and Chuck Cole. Commissioner James Parsons was absent. During the reorganization portions of the meetings, Commissioner Jerad Sornson was elected as Chairman of both boards for 2024 and Commissioner Rick Freshman was elected as Vice-Chairman of both boards for 2024. The Chairman appointed representatives and alternates to the following boards: SENDD, NCAEDC, Region V/APACE, Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, Southeast Health District, and Road & Bridge Committee. Jon Brinkman was re-appointed as Otoe County Highway Superintendent. The Nebraska City News Press and the Otoe County website were acknowledged as the official means of providing public notices during the year 2024. The following banking institutions were appointed as county depositories: Arbor Bank, Premier Bank, American National Bank, Commercial State Bank and First Nebraska Bank, all of Nebraska City; First Bank of Nebraska, Syracuse; Countryside Bank, Unadilla; Farmers & Merchants Bank, Palmyra, Union Bank and Trust, Riverstone Bank, Talmage, Nebraska CLASS and NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust). The following motions were passed by majority vote: to approve a proposal of audit services from Lengemann & Associates, P.C. for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023; to adopt Resolution #1-2-24-1, to deposit and/or release pledged securities with First National Bank for Premier Bank of Nebraska City, NE; to adopt Resolution#1-2-24-2 to authorize the opening and reviewing of bids for road project C-66(693) prior to the January 16, 2024, Board of Commissioners' meeting. A complete account of the minutes may be seen in the County Clerk's Office or visit our website at [www.otoecountyne.gov](http://www.otoecountyne.gov). The following claims were audited and allowed, and the County Clerk was instructed to issue checks in payment of same. **COUNTY GENERAL FUND:** Salaries/Benefits \$248,601.59; Adkins Signs/sup \$130.00; All Copy Products Inc/sup \$172.13; Amazon/sup \$234.30; American National Bank/cap outlay \$41,745.75; Julie Bear/srv \$5,738.00; Matthew Bender & Co/sup \$759.62; Pam Bennett/srv \$200.00; Blue 360 Media/sup \$470.65; Capital Business Systems/srv \$1,220.86; Colin Caudill/meals \$10.09; Dept of Correctional Services/srv \$2,006.14; Eakes Office Solutions/sup \$1,641.60; Fairfield Inn & Suites/srv \$2,399.00; First Concord/srv \$665.00; First Wireless/srv \$774.00; Jere Gravatt/srv \$200.00; Health & Human Services/srv \$180.00; Amy J Hector/srv \$300.00; Jury Fees/srv \$2,407.24; Knudsen, Berkheimer, Richardson/srv \$1,349.50; Larson Motors/cap outlay \$16,684.11; Lind Lawn Care/srv \$560.00; Meggan Macomber/srv \$358.41; Todd Meadows/srv \$62.86; Mid-America Termite and Pest Control/srv \$70.00; NC Utilities/srv \$66.14; Nat'l Assoc of County Surveyors/dues \$60.00; Nat'l College for DUI Defense/sup \$50.00; NE Assoc of Emergency Mngt/dues \$100.00; Otoe County Attorney/srv \$470.00; Nicki Kreifels, Otoe County Treasurer/cap outlay \$100,000.00; Jennifer Panko Rahe/dues \$378.00; Polaris Law Group/srv \$3,676.50; PSAN/reg \$200.00; Quadiant/sup \$1,980.00; Radiology Consultants/srv \$138.38; Region V Systems/srv \$9,202.00; Janis Riege, Clerk of DC/srv \$184.00; Shell/sup \$55.16; Technology Group Solutions/srv,sup \$1,960.00; Denise Thummel/meals \$128.64; TK Elevator Corporation/srv \$342.68; UKG Inc/srv \$1,296.00; Vanguard Appraisals/srv \$3,577.50; Bill Walters & Son Shop/srv \$25.51; Ruth Ann Weddle/meals \$18.00; Clint M Wurtele/srv \$21.31; **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND:** Salaries/Benefits \$62,128.36; Allied Oil & Tire/srv,sup \$661.44; Black Hill Energy/srv \$205.59; Burr Farms Machinery/srv \$2,250.00; Consolidated Rural Water Dist #1/srv \$115.00; Dans Tire & Repair/srv \$55.00; Dultmeier Sales/sup \$140.36; Elkhorn Valley Bank/cap outlay \$40,089.70; Fairfield Inn & Suites/srv \$719.70; John Deere Financial/sup \$848.88; NC Utilities/srv \$159.37; Omaha Slings/srv \$258.66; Simon Contractors Co/srv \$9,000.00; Sornson Repair & Construction/srv \$868.33; Syracuse Iron Works/sup \$1,694.03; Village of Otoe/srv \$22.50; Chad Watkins/postage \$13.64; Wessels Trucking/srv \$523.02; **FEDERAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND:** Motorola Solutions/sup \$3,200.00; **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Larson Motors/cap outlay \$25,849.14; Estate of Donald D Wheatley/cap outlay \$2,262.63; **911 WIRELESS SERVICEHOLDING FUND:** CenturyLink/srv \$1,333.34; Technology Group Solutions/srv,sup \$11,289.61; **COUNTY BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND:** Madsen Electric/srv \$217.30; **GRAND TOTAL: \$616,776.27**; Signed by Charles Cole, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner; Rick Freshman, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner; Jerad Sornson, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner; James Parsons, 4<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner; Dan Crownover, 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner. ATTEST: Jennifer Bassinger, Otoe County Clerk