The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization at 8:25 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, in the Otoe County Courtroom (108) of the Courthouse in Nebraska City; then convened in regular session at 8:32 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, James Parson, Dan Crownover, and Chuck Cole. The following motions were passed by majority vote: to approve motor vehicle tax exemptions; to approve tax list corrections; to approve canceling check #23120105 payable to Holiday Inn in the amount of \$114.95; to authorize Chairman Sornson to sign a letter of engagement for audit services between Otoe County and Lengemann & Associates, P.C.; to approve a Class B liquor license application submitted by Johnson's Gas & Go, Inc.; to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Report; to award the bid for Project C-66 (693) to Tim Sisco Construction, LLC for \$87,500.00; to proceed with a public hearing for the road vacation of the county road in the West ½ of the NE ½ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E. A complete account of the minutes may be seen in the County Clerk's Office or visit our website at 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 \$264,708.23; Amazon/sup \$1,266.86; American Recycling & Sanitation/srv \$367.20; Bob Barker Co/sup \$149.88; Capital Business Systems/srv \$176.09; Caseys/sup \$413.79; Colin Caudill, Sheriff/srv \$708.29; Cedars/srv \$2,254.00; Charter Communications/srv \$225.66; CHI Health/srv \$189.65; City of Syracuse/srv \$192.67; Cody's U-Save/sup \$191.92; Culligan of Percival/srv \$62.00; DAS State Accounting/srv \$690.00; Douglas Tire/srv,sup \$398.80; Eakes/sup \$962.26; Fairfield Inn & Suites/srv \$114.95; Fareway/sup \$4,756.19; First Concord/srv \$548.00; Stephanie Flynn/srv \$1,686.25; Galls/sup \$232.58; Great Plains Communications/srv \$240.00; Gude Mortuary/srv \$300.00; Junior Vernon Hughes/srv \$75.00; Johnson & Pekny/srv \$557.33; Jones Automotive/srv \$873.38; Larson Motors/srv \$183.37; Madsen Electric /srv \$480.20; Diane Merwin/srv \$3,942.50; MIPS/srv \$1,783.84; NC Utilities/srv \$3,749.29; NC Center for Children & Families/rent,sup \$5,154.78; Nebraska City Dental/srv \$194.00; Nebraska City Medical Clinic/srv \$141.48; NE Clerk of Dist Court Assoc/dues \$50.00; Nemaha County Treasurer/cap outlay \$7,650.45; OHD/srv,sup \$935.00; OReilly Automotive/sup \$22.48; Otoe County Child Support/sup \$117.61; Otoe County Court/srv \$396.00; Paper Tiger/srv \$149.00; Papillion Sanitation/srv \$55.20; Partners for Otoe County/srv \$2,040.00; David J Partsch/dues \$378.00; Physicians Laboratory PC/srv \$7,050.00; Pinpoint Communication/srv \$246.75; Postmaster/sup \$396.00; Thomas Prickett/srv \$551.00; Quadient Finance/sup \$2,000.00; Region V Services/cap outlay \$10,391.13; Region V Systems/srv \$8,427.00; Sams Club/sup \$1,183.64; Sarpy County Treasurer/srv \$1,132.24; Schmitz Land Surveying/srv,mileage \$2,822.96; David Schmitz/mileage \$161.78; Verizon/srv \$2,049.34; VISA/srv,sup \$3,746.75; Washington Co Sheriff/srv \$2,015.00; Westlake Ace Hardware/sup \$1,402.28; Brianna Wymore/srv \$400.00; ROAD & BRIDGE FUND: Salaries/Benefits \$60,664.79; American Recycling & Sanitation/srv \$80.41; Benefiel Truck Repair & Towing/srv \$1,350.33; Jonathan R Brinkman/sup \$27.00; Douglas Tire/srv,sup \$1,464.00; Eakes Office Solutions/sup \$430.04; Frontier Cooperative/sup \$438.50; Hopkins Automotive/sup \$128.67: Inland Truck Parts/sup \$867.90: Keim Farm Equipment/sup \$39.00: Martin-Marietta/sup \$78.254.36: Matheson Trigas/srv \$65.83; Miller Farrell Insurance/srv \$115.00; NE Dept of Revenue/srv \$1,757.00; NC Utilities/srv \$1,749.15; Nebraska Machinery Co/sup \$8,545.65; OPPD/srv \$187.61; OReilly Automotive/sup \$116.25; Papillion Sanitation/srv \$77.95; Power Systems AHS LLC/srv \$877.00; RDO Truck Centers/srv \$1,226.92; Rural Water Dist #1/srv \$30.00; JH Sporhase Plumbing & Heating/srv \$326.25; Syracuse Lumber/sup \$29.99; Village of Douglas/srv \$70.40; Village of Palmyra/srv \$26.00; VISA/srv,sup \$877.35; VISITORS FUND: Friends of Lewis & Clark/contr \$1,500.00; Maly Marketing/srv \$300.00; Nebraska City Creative District/contr \$6,800.00; WKB LLC/srv \$1,670.00; PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND: MIPS/srv \$462.38; FEDERAL DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND: Elite K-9 Inc/sup \$114.51; LOCAL GRANT-SHERIFF FUND: First Wireless Inc/srv \$5,432.94; COVID/ARPA FUND: Control Services/srv \$11,091.00; KENO LOTTERY FUND: NE Dept of Revenue/cap outlay \$7,714.00; 911 EMERGENCY FUND: City of Syracuse/srv \$63.95; Language Line Services/srv \$11.21; NC Utilities/srv \$102.42; Windstream/srv \$1,142.68; COUNTY BLDG MAINTENANCE FUND: Kanequip/cap outlay \$20,000.00; GRAND TOTAL: \$569,968.49 by/ Charles Cole, 1st District Commissioner; Rick Freshman, 2nd District Commissioner; Jerad Sornson, 3rd District Commissioner; James Parsons, 4th District Commissioner; Dan Crownover, 5th District Commissioner. ATTEST: Jennifer Bassinger, Otoe County Clerk