



Otoe County Board Minutes



December 7, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 7, 2021, to audit and sign regular claims and payroll claims and to take care of such other matters as are on the agenda for this meeting. Advance notice of the meeting was published in the Nebraska City News Press and posted in at least three public places, including the County's website. This meeting was open to the Public, and the agenda was kept current, and is on file for public inspection at the office of the Otoe County Clerk during regular business hours.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Thurman, and Commissioner Crownover.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

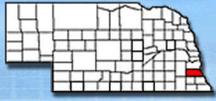
Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to audit and sign special payroll claims from the ARPA fund. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$16,538.99 for the month of November 2021. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to cancel check #21110057 payable to Sarpy County Sheriff. The check was a duplicate payment. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Officer Casey Fertig represented the Nebraska City Police Department regarding a KENO grant application. The requested amount on the application was \$2,000/year to assist in the purchase of materials for the D.A.R.E. program. Officer Fertig discussed the program with the Board. Sornson made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve \$2,000 to the D.A.R.E program. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Vanessa Sherman, Central Navigator/Juvenile Diversion, presented information to the Board regarding the 2022-2023 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve the submission of the application. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened the discussion of elected officials' salaries and stated that the resolution to set the salaries for 2023-2026 will be presented at the next meeting. There was discussion of the County Attorney and one Deputy County Attorney position transitioning to full-time. No action was taken.

Chairman Sornson presented the Highway Supervisor's report: Project (665) C Road Paving: the culverts have been installed and grading continues. The construction crew worked on a driveway culvert and ditching at N & 24 E; removed trees and finished ditch work, dug up and relayed a driveway culvert at M & 26 W; trimmed and cut back trees at Ivy & 66; cleaned out west ditch at K & 68 S; and repaired culvert and PVC vent pipes at the landfill. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Chairman Sornson declared this meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2021.

I, Jennifer Bassinger, County Clerk of Otoe County, do hereby certify that the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I therefore set my hand and affix the county seal this 7th day of December 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk