



Otoe County Board Minutes



January 18, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:33 a.m. on January 18, 2022, 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 this 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 Commissioner Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Thurman. Commissioner Parsons was absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was available electronically with the County Clerk. The County Clerk was present at the meeting.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, 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. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Thurman made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of monthly securities report submitted by the County Treasurer for November 2021-January 2022.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to enter an agreement with Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for Project STP-50-1(115) Syracuse South. The project is a state project and the agreement is for Otoe County to tie out and re-establish land monuments. It was stated that County Surveyor David Schmitz would complete this task. The county will be reimbursed for the cost of each land monument. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to adopt Resolution 1-18-22-3 to serve as Exhibit B to the agreement. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve the annual weed report. The annual report was prepared by Weed Superintendent John Bebout and presented by Chairman Sornson. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Freshman presented the road/bridge report in the absence of Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman: Project (665) C Road Paving – contractor has stopped dirt work for the time with frost going into the ground and has been doing clean-up work. The county crews have been working on culvert inventory; pushed snow, repaired barricades, burned brush piles at multiple locations. Both crews have been doing minimal grading and hauling rock for projects only. Applied for 10 CBMP structures and were awarded three for replacing bridges with metal culverts at the following locations: Structure C006602605 located at M & 8 West; Structure C006611550 located at D & 14 South; and Structure C006612110 located at K & 20 South.

Chairman Sornson announced that all board members will visit the county jail facility upon adjournment per State Statute 47-109.

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 8:44 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 1, 2022.

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 18th day of January 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk