



Otoe County Board Minutes



February 1, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 1, 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 Parsons, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Thurman.

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.

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

Parsons 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, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Gregg Goebel, EMA Director, presented the board with information regarding the 2022 Tire Recycling Grant. Otoe Co. was granted up to \$61,006 for 2022. The event will be held at three locations between April 22nd and April 23rd, 2022.

Mr. Goebel updated the board on changes to the approval process of the Local Emergency Operation Plan. He stated that the LEOP will now require an annual approval from the board. The resolution for approval will be at a future meeting.

Steve Cody, EMA, presented a draft of the Hazmat Plat, Annex F, as a template for the Local Emergency Operating Plan. The draft has been submitted for recommendations and the completed document will be presented to the board at a future meeting.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented a proposed list of projects to be included in the One-and-Six Year Plan.



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Sornson made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to authorize the purchase of a motor grader. The bid through the state bid contract was a John Deere machine was \$324,643.00. A trade-in was noted at \$42,000 making the purchase price \$282,643.00. Delivery of the motor grader is estimated to be August or September 2022. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Thurman made a motion, seconded by Crownover to award the bid and purchase of a new pickup truck from Larson Motors for \$33,900.00. Other bids for pickups were Chevy \$43,120.00 and GMC \$48,295.00. The pickup is a Ford regular cab with a long box. The pickup is for the road department and will have the capability of pushing snow when needed. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman presented the Superintendent Report: Project (665) C Road Paving – contractor has stopped dirt work for the time with frost going into the ground. The county crews have been working on culvert inventory; pushed snow, burned brush piles at multiple locations. Both crews have been doing minimal grading and hauling rock for projects only.

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 8:53 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 15, 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 1st day of February 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk