



# Otoe County Board Minutes



February 15, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:32 a.m. on February 15, 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 is posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

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.

Thurman 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.

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 \$59,177.81 for the month of January 2022. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Deb Weitzenkamp, Extension Educator, presented the annual Otoe County Extension report.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to re-appoint John Palmtag, Jeanna Stavas, and Doug Friedli to the Otoe County Visitors Committee. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to submit a conservation easement application submitted by USDA representative Bryan Euse, for property owned by Louis Stukenholtz to the planning commission. The legal description of the property is a tract of land in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of S31, T7N, R15E, Otoe County; approx. 95 acres. Upon approval/denial from the planning commission, the Board of Commissioners will make a final determination at a future



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meeting. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Rick Freshman presented the Highway 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; burned brush piles at multiple locations; pulling old signpost stubs; trimming trees around signs and bridges. 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 March 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 15th day of February 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk