



Otoe County Board Minutes



April 12, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 12, 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, and Commissioner Crownover. Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Thurman were 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 Crownover to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman 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, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. 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 \$30,538.44 for the month of March 2022. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-117 Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the quarterly report from the County Sheriff denoting the amount of certain fees collected, from whom and for what service. The total amount received in the first quarter of the year was \$11,045.34.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending March 31, 2022, of the petty cash accounts held by Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Teresa Johnson, Child Support Officer; Ruth Ann Weddle, Register of Deeds; Colin Caudill, Sheriff; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Cindy Cich, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.



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Resolution 3-15-22-8 was adopted at the March 29, 2022, meeting. The resolution was numbered incorrectly in clerical error. The correct number should have been 3-29-22-8. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to update the number of a resolution from 3-15-22-8 to 3-29-22-8. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve a Class C liquor license application submitted by Flower Mound Ranch, LLC. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve an application submitted by N.C. Utilities to apply sludge from municipal wastewater treatment facilities for land in Otoe County. There were no changes to the location of the land from last year's application. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve applications submitted by the City of Omaha (Papillion Creek WWTP and Missouri River WWTP) to apply sludge from municipal wastewater treatment facilities for land in Otoe County. This is completed at 8 fields for 6 farmers. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Nebraska City Public Schools Foundation, on behalf of Nebraska City Public Schools, submitted a KENO grant fund application requesting \$30,000 for athletic complex improvements. Mark Fritch, NCPS Superintendent and NCPS Foundation representative, explained some of the needs to the complex. He stated that the Wirth Foundation pledged funds to replace the turf field. The foundation has raised approximately \$70,000 in other funds for additional improvements. These funds cover the match requirement to the KENO grant application. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve \$20,000 of KENO funds to Nebraska City Public Schools Foundation. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve a conservation easement application submitted by Louis Stukenholtz. The application presented is to correct an error on the application approved at the March 29, 2022, meeting. The property approved at the 3-29-22 meeting has not changed; this application is to clarify the parcel number(s) and legal description. The parcel number on the application dated 3/30/2022 is #569552821 and #004511000 and the legal description as: tract of land with parts in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 7N, Range 15E, Otoe County, NE. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Javier Fernandez, OPPD CEO, was present to introduce himself to the Board and to provide an update of services.

Susan Keholm – SENCA CCAP Development Director, Sharon Graham – SENCA Head Start, and Debbie Green – CASA, were present to provide annual reports and updates of services provided. Ms. Green asked for and received permission to place pinwheels in the Courthouse lawn in April for Child Abuse Month. Ms. Keholm indicated that May is Community Action Month. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to proclaim May 2022 as Community Action Month and sign a proclamation. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The presenters for Probation District 1 were unable to attend and will be scheduled for the April 26, 2022, meeting.



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Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #4-12-22-9 for Emergency Relief Program – Emergency Permanent Repairs for Project ER-66(43). Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, explained that the project was at N & 28 East. There was a culvert washout and there was emergency repair. This is part of a federal highway and was eligible for the federal assistance. The amount to be reimbursed to Otoe County for emergency repairs is \$6,866.95 and the amount for permanent repairs is \$6,930.64 for a total of \$13,797.59. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (665) C Road Paving – the dirt contractor has moved in and is grading and shaping the east side of the project. The county crews unplugged a culvert at K & 36 East, picked up tires/garbage at numerous locations, and removed trees at R & 14. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

There were people present to discuss wind farms. Speaking from the public were Bernice Steadman, Ann Boellstorff, Michelle Ray, and Susan Royal. The commissioners informed the public that they had received an email about a public meeting to be held on May 11th. With the subject not being on today's agenda, a discussion session will be scheduled for the May 24, 2022, agenda for public comments.

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 9:23 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 26, 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 12th day of April 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk