



Otoe County Board Minutes



June 7, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 7, 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.

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

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve payroll claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Thurman, 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 \$31,264.76 for the month of May 2022. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Tom Farrell, Miller Farrell Insurance Co., presented insurance proposals for the 2022-2023 renewal year. Three proposals were received – EMC, Travelers, and NIRMA. Mr. Farrell provided a spreadsheet of coverages/premiums. He explained the coverages, definitions, premiums, ratings, etc. of each of the three companies. The proposed totals are: EMC \$313,245, Travelers \$320,530 and NIRMA \$259,020. NIRMA submitted two proposals, one for the county in the amount of \$259,020 and one for the ag society for \$19,303 as NIRMA would require the entities to be covered separately. Mr. Farrell stated that the figures could change due the deductible being listed incorrectly in the specs but does not anticipate the changes to be large. The commissioners will review the proposals and will make a determination at the next meeting.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to appoint Laura Giboo to the Otoe County Visitors Committee board. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Jim Grotrian, nominated candidate for OPPD, Subdivision 4, was present to introduce himself to the board.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to appoint a subcommittee for the ARPA funds. The subcommittee group will consist of Jerad Sornson, Board Chairman; Rick Freshman, Board Vice-Chair; Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management Director; Theresa Sullivan, Building Manager. The subcommittee will have the authority to approve applications submitted from villages for the ARPA funds obligated from the county. These claims will not need to be presented to the full commissioner board prior to funding. All other ARPA projects and funding will require board approval prior to funding. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve Resolution 6-7-22-12. The resolution is the final acceptance and completion of Project STWD-CBMP(4). Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve Resolution 6-7-22-13. The resolution is the final acceptance and completion of Project STWD-CBMP(3). Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (665) C Road Paving – Pavers has put the bottom 6” lift down, from station 83.00 east to the east end of the project. Dynamic Dirt is working their way west from station 83.00 with the dirt work. The county crews completed culverts at Project (629) at R & 14 North; 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 9:32 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 21, 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 7th day of June 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk