



# Otoe County Board Minutes



June 21, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:34 a.m. on June 21, 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 Thurman 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.

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

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, 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, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Trehmen Subdivision, a 37.39+- acre tract located in the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 25, T 8N, R 10E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Otoe County, Nebraska. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Zoning Administrator, stated this is an existing farmstead and the subdivision is separating it from the farm. There is rural water and appropriate setbacks. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman to approve the Trehmen Subdivision plat as presented. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Poverty Farm Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 25, T 9N, R 10E, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Otoe County, Nebraska. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Zoning Administrator, stated that the buildings are staying with the farm. There is rural water and was approved unanimously by the planning commission. It was noted that the taxes have not yet been paid. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the Poverty Farm Subdivision plat contingent on the taxes being paid. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Tom Farrell, Miller Farrell Insurance Co., returned to the present updated information on the insurance proposals provided by EMC, Travelers, and NIRMA. He explained more details and answered questions. Sornson made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to accept the proposal provided by Travelers Insurance. The policy term will be July 17, 2022, through July 17, 2023. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. Following the presentation, Mr. Farrell clarified that the coverage would be through Travelers with Bitco Insurance, Co. for workers compensation.

The presentation from Control Service for the chiller replacement was tabled until the July 5, 2022, meeting.

It was reported that three budgets would require a fund transfer to meet the financial obligations of FY 21-22. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to adopt resolution #6-21-22-14. The resolution authorizes the transfer of \$453.52 for Election; \$3,206.67 for Public Defender; and \$3,340.23 for Traffic Grant. All budgets are within the general fund and funds will be transferred from the General miscellaneous budget. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve an agreement with Region V Systems for Emergency Protective Custody services. The agreement is for FY22-23. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Kyle Hauschild, Nemaha NRD Director, was present to introduce himself to the board and give an update of projects for the NRD.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to cancel check #22050107999. The amount of the check is \$10.70 payable to the Otoe County Treasurer. The road department had submitted a claim for the Treasurer to cover expenses for replacement plates. The original amount provided was \$13.20, but when completing the process, the fee needed was \$2.50. The remaining \$10.70 is the portion to cancel. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Partners for Otoe County. The agreement is for providing coaches to the Juvenile Diversion/Central Navigation Program. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022, through June 20, 2023. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with CEDARS Youth Services. The agreement is for providing Family Support Services to the Otoe County Juvenile Diversion Program. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022, through June 20, 2023. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded, by Thurman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with CEDARS Youth Services. The agreement is for providing the Community Youth Coaching Service to the Otoe County Juvenile Diversion Program. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022, through June 20, 2023. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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The attorneys for Otoe County and the City of Syracuse have been working on an interlocal agreement between Otoe County and the City of Syracuse for the removal and replacement of a bridge located on Walnut Street south of 1<sup>st</sup> Street on the SW edge of Syracuse. Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Otoe County Attorney, stated that the first agreement would be for sharing the engineering costs of the project between both entities. After receiving the engineering proposals, a further interlocal could be drafted for materials and labor expenses. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the interlocal with the City of Syracuse, for cost sharing the engineering fees of the project. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. 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 removed debris from numerous locations including Low Water Crossing; worked on C & 10 East bridge abutment; removed large tree from bridge at D & 14 West; placed rip rap at Low Water Crossing located at F & 16; worked on driveway and ditching at Birch and 60; grading – repairing storm damages 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 9:37 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 5, 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 21st day of June 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk