

Otoe County Board Minutes



August 2, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 2, 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.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman 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.

Crownover 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. 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 approve payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. 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 \$56,983.60 for the month of July 2022. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the Class I Liquor License application submitted by Pearson's Entertainment, LLC. Pearson's Entertainment, LLC, dba Pearson's Pumpkin Place is a newly established pumpkin patch located near Eagle, NE. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Carla Frase, representing Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, presented an annual update of the services provided by the agency.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Dora Marie Griepenstroh Subdivision, a 4.49+- acre tract of land located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 7, Township 8N, Range 13E, of the 6th PM, Otoe County, Nebraska. The site is located at 4907 I Road.



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It was noted that the planning commission previously approved the plat with the completion and passing well test. The well test was passed. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover to approve the Dora Marie Griepenstroh Subdivision plat as presented. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Schmidt Subdivision, a 5.96+- acre tract of land located in Part of Tract 22-A in the S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 22, Township 7N, Range 10E, of the 6th PM, Otoe County, Nebraska. The site is located at 1939 Q Rd. It was noted that the planning commission approved the subdivision unanimously with no issues. The property has rural water. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons to approve the Schmidt Subdivision plat as presented. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Hildas Subdivision, a 5.56+- acre tract of land located in Part of the East ½ of the SE ¼ and Part of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 9N, Rand 10E of the 6th P.M. Otoe County, Nebraska. The site is located at 2335 F Rd. It was noted the well test was passed, a new septic will be installed, and the planning commission approved the subdivision plat unanimously. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons to approve the Hildas Subdivision plat as presented. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Steve Cody, EMA Deputy Director, presented the 2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. The plan is part of the Local Emergency Operation Plan, LEOP. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the 2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (665) C Road Paving – paving for the entire project is complete, however paint stipe is needed; the dirt contractor is working on final ditch grading/shouldering; barricades are still in place and road remains closed to thru traffic until paint stripe and finish shoulder work has been completed. The county crews replaced a crossover culvert and cleaned out ditches at L & 24 S; replaced plank on bridge at H & 2 N; cleaned out ditches, installed driveway culvert, backfilled washouts at G & 42 W; dug up and moved field entrance at H & 60 W; removed and replaced collapsed culvert at G & 32 W; backfilled culvert at 24 & I E; rebuilt the intersection and cleaned out the ditches at R & 56; backfilled backwall at Q & 26 E; cleaned out ditches at K & 66. Both crews have been 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 9:02 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 16, 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 2nd day of August 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger Otoe County Clerk