



Otoe County Board Minutes



August 16, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 16, 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 Parsons 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 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, 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. Commissioner Freshman abstained from any claim to Video Home Theatre. 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.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to adopt Resolution #8-16-22-16 approving the requirement of server training for liquor licenses for Otoe County. Alcohol server training is not currently required in the State of Nebraska. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Don White, President of the 806 Historical Society, spoke regarding a KENO application submitted by the 806 Historical Society. He stated that the porch of the historical home needs safety and cosmetic repair. The home is rented to Nebraska City Tourism and Commerce. The bid on the repairs were approximately \$35,000 and the request is for \$17,400. Mr. White stated that the 806 Historical Society would be matching the funds for the repair. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the KENO application in the amount of \$17,400. Voting aye were Sornson, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Freshman abstained. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Grant Brueggemann, SE Nebraska Health District, was present to request \$100,000 of ARPA funds for the health district. The request was for remodeling the Auburn/Tecumseh building, vehicle, and a generator. Other counties in the district include Nemaha, Johnson, Pawnee, and Richardson. The health district has purchased a building in Tecumseh for additional office space. The health district is receiving \$555,000 of American Rescue Plan funding through LB1014. Gregg Goebel, EMA director, stated that there are grants available for generators. There was discussion of the Covid services provided by the health district. The request was tabled until a future meeting.

Chairman Sornson presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (665) C Road Paving – paving has been completed for the entire project; seeding was started on Friday and will continue this week; mulching is to take place once seeding is done; striping and signage will need done. The county crews have removed trees, cleaned out culvert and shaped the road-top at R & 58 W; repaired culverts at K & 52 E; ditching and washout repair at Quail & 52; sided washout and seeded at the landfill; seeded multiple locations on Goosehill Road, R & 56 and R & 58 W; replaced bridge railing at K & 34 S; dug up and replaced culverts, removed trees and ditching at M& 24 E & S; installed 2 ditch rock checks at L & 24 S; ditching at L & 26 E. 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 8:55 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 30, 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 16th day of August 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk