



# Otoe County Board Minutes



September 27, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:34 a.m. on September 27, 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.

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, 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 Freshman to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve payroll claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution 9-27-22-19 to approve an additional 1% increase of the 2022-2023 restricted funds limit. Voting aye were Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution 9-27-22-20 to approve the FY22-23 budget. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to adopt Resolution 9-27-22-21 to approve setting the property tax request for FY 2022-2023. The tax request is \$9,191,338.57 and will cause the tax rate to be .36236 per \$100 of assessed value. Voting aye were Freshman, Parson, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve a lease agreement with NCCCF for the DHHS office space. The lease agreement is for the term of one year, beginning on August 2, 2022, and ending July 31, 2023. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve a lease agreement with NCCCF for the probation office space. The lease agreement is for the term of one year, beginning on October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of a report of uncollected personal taxes remaining after distress warrants were issued November 1, 2021, as provided by the County Treasurer. The amount uncollected as of June 30, 2022, is \$1,722.15.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve Resolution 9-27-22-22 authorizing Nicki Kreifels, Otoe County Treasurer, to issue tax sale certificates on parcels presented. These parcels are more than one-year delinquent of real estate tax. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of VJ Hinrichsen Subdivision, a 4.57+- acre tract of land located in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 16, T 7N, R 9E, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Otoe County, NE as requested by Patricia A. Hinrichsen and Dale E. Hinrichsen. The site is located at 1460 South 6<sup>th</sup> Road. David Schmitz, County Surveyor, stated that the setbacks were met, there is rural water, and the subdivision was unanimously approved by the planning board. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman to approve the VJ Hinrichsen 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 Doug and Mary Delhay Subdivision, a 6.00+- acre tract of land located in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S 9, T 9N, R 9E, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Otoe County, NE as requested by Douglas A. and Mary C. Delhay. The site is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of North 6<sup>th</sup> Road (Hwy 43) on C Road. David Schmitz, County Surveyor, stated that this will be for a new home, the rural water certificate has been received, and was approved unanimously by the planning board with Doug Delhay abstaining from the vote. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the Doug and Mary Delhay Subdivision plat as presented. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The public hearing for M & M Commercial Park Subdivision was tabled to a future meeting.

Vanessa Sherman presented the Juvenile Diversion Program and Community Response-Central Navigation Service reports.

Thurman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU), between Otoe County and Partners for Otoe County, P4OC. The agreement is reimbursement of funds to support the Juvenile Diversion Director/Central Navigator position. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution #9-27-22-23 to designate National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the basis for all incident management in Otoe County. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Gregg Goebel, EMA Director, requested ARPA funding for a generator and a new EMA Radio Processor. The total cost to replace the radio processor is \$56,612. The system is used by Otoe



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County and City of Nebraska City. The City of Nebraska City has agreed to pay \$29,000 of the expense. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve ARPA funds for the purchase of the radio processor. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried. The generator request was tabled.

Chad Miller, Veteran Service Officer, presented information about Operation Green Light and requested the County's participation. The Operation Green Light is to show appreciation and support of veterans. The event will be November 7<sup>th</sup> through November 13<sup>th</sup>. The courthouse will be illuminated with green bulbs. Information will be provided to the media for the event. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #9-27-22-24 to approve the county's participation in Operation Green Light. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve a stop sign study at the intersection of King and 14 Road. The intersection has not had signage and a study is required to put up signs. The estimated approximate cost of the study is \$1,000 to \$1,500. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (644) N & 24 South FEMA culvert – backfilling the culverts. Projects (587) P & 24 South and (662) B & 28 North – (662) has been removed and shaping to the floor formed. B & 12 East will be closed from today, Sept. 27, until Friday, Sept. 30, while Northern Natural is working on the line. The county crews have hauled off trees from E & 10 East, worked on bridge 00610 abutment 1 at C & 10 East: backfilled culverts and shaped ditches and road at P & 54 South. 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 9:15 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 11, 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 27th day of September 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk