



Otoe County Board Minutes



December 6, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 6, 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, and Commissioner Crownover. Commissioner Thurman 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 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, and Crownover. 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, 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, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Sornson abstained from Sornson Repair & Construction. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve payroll claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, 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 \$25,204.52 for the month of November 2022. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve and sign and Memorandum of Agreement between the Otoe County Board of Commissioners and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office. Steve Cody, Deputy EMA Director, stated that this is a renewal of the standard agreement and is required to be updated every three years. There are no changes to the agreement and no cost to the county. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion of replacing a drone for EMA/Road use. The current drone was crashed and damaged. EMA is researching costs and options of repairing or replacing the current drone.

Susan Boyd, Head Start, was not able to attend today's meeting. The presentation will be rescheduled to a future meeting.



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Karly Black, UNL Extension Engagement Zone 11 Coordinator, spoke to the board about the vacancies at the Otoe County Extension office. She stated that two educators will be hired and located at the Syracuse office. The anticipation date of having both positions filled is February/March 2023. The plan is to hire the 4-H assistant after the educator position is filled. There is a part time employee currently assisting the full-time employee in the office. The part time employee is currently being paid by UNL and will continue to be paid for the next few weeks. At that time, Karly requested that the employee be hired by the county on a temporary basis. There was discussion that the part time employee could be put on the county payroll.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to re-appoint Andrew Neels and Thomas Volkmer, to the Otoe County Extension Board. The position is a three-year term. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to appoint Brandon Schuster as a board member to the Otoe County Visitor Committee. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to cancel check #22080226. The check was a duplicate payment issued to Steven Mercure in the amount of \$2,094.75. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt and sign Resolution #12-6-22-27. The resolution is authorizing the installation of stop signs at the intersection of 14 and King Roads. The recommendation from Midwest Engineering, Inc. was for the stop signs to be placed from the East and West. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (662) B & 28 North – the project is complete. Project (587) P & 24 South – floor, deck and walls are poured. Project (606) 9/10 mile east of the intersection at E & 20 – Gus Contracting has the box poured and began backfilling. The county crews have completed work on low water crossing (LWC) at S & 14 East; removed old metal culvert, installed new metal culverts shape, finish road top and backfill and completed work for Project (666) located at H & 48 East; worked on minor bridge repairs, training new hires, grading and hauling rock. Bids for Project (678), CBMP Round (6) projects (605) (609) (680), rock truck and belly dump trailer will be opened December 19th and presented for board approval December 20th.

Chairman Sornson announced that board members will visit the county jail facility upon adjournment per State Statute 47-109.

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 9:09 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 20, 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 6th day of December 2022.



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Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk