

September 12, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 2023, 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 Cole was absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted to the right of the door of the courtroom.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons 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, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Chad Miller, Otoe County Veteran Service Officer, presented the August Veteran of the Month honor to John B. Moyer. Mr. Miller spoke of Mr. Moyer's military service and honor.

Bids for financial auditing services were publicly opened during the meeting. The following documents were opened:

Company Name	Fiscal Year Ending	Audit Cost	Single Audit Cost	Total Costs	Out of Pocket Costs
King, Reinsch, Prosser & Co. LLP		Letter stating no bid	N/A	N/A	N/A
Porter & Company, P.C.	6-30-23	\$13,000	\$4,750	\$17,750	\$3000
	6-30-24	\$13,750	\$5,000	\$18,750	\$3,500
	6-30-25	\$14,500	\$5,500	\$20,000	\$4,000

It was noted that the option dates in the proposal submitted by Porter & Company, P.C. seem to be incorrect and should be FY ending June 30, 2024, and 2025 instead of 2022 and 2023. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to accept the 2023 audit proposal submitted by Porter & Company, P.C. for \$20,750 with the option of the two-year renewal after checking references. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve a lease agreement with Nebraska City Center for Children and Families for space utilized by the State Office of Probation – District 1. The lease is a three-year renewal for the period of October 1, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2026. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #9-12-23-28 to approve and adopt an amendment of an agreement with Region V Services to change the name from Region V Community Human Services Program to Apace. The name change would be effective October 1, 2023. There was discussion of reason and cost. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – Parsons. Motion carried.

Gregg Goebel and Steve Cody, Otoe County Emergency Management, provided information on the recent 911 outage.

Sornson made a motion, seconded by Freshman to approve an agreement between Otoe County and State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. HSIP-STWD (203) for Statewide STOP Sign Program. The agreement was assigned Resolution #9-12-23-29. The program provides the county with the signs and material to replace all stop signs within the county jurisdiction, approx. 1,000. Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Co. Attorney, stated that there was a termination clause in the agreement would require the county to reimburse the state for the cost of the materials if the program was terminated for any reason. The board acknowledged the clause and proceeded with the understanding that the program is providing the materials at no cost to the county. If the program were to be terminated, the county would then need to reimburse the state or purchase the materials. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: clean out ditches and rebuilding road at G & 38 North and G & 40 West (672); backfilled culvert at F & 38 North; repaired washout at King & 66 South ½ mile; finished dirt work and completed project (605) CBMP; dup up and repaired culvert at R & 14 North. Both crews have been rocking and grading roads.

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 12th day of September 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk