

August 13, 2024

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 13, 2024, 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 Crownover, and Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Parsons was absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was located near the door of the courtroom.

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

Cole 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. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Crownover, Cole, 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 Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$36,986.84 for the month of July 2024. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to cancel check #24040198999 payable to Centech Cast Metal Products in the amount of \$46.64. The original payment was submitted based on a quote provided for bronze grave markers. The markers were not available to ship and the payment was not remitted until the full order was fulfilled. Upon receiving the order, the freight amount was less than quoted. The cancelled check is the difference of the freight. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to cancel check #24070295 payable to the Estate of Steven Louis Mayfield in the amount of \$137.68. There had been a payment made by the Treasurer with another source and this claim check was not needed. Voting aye was Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chad Miller, Otoe County Veteran Service Officer, presented the July 2024 Veteran of the Month honor to Elischa Allen. Chad Miller spoke of Mr. Allen's military service and honors.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the additional premium of \$116.00 to the quote provided by Miller Farrell Insurance for Cyber insurance due to the omission of the Otoe County Ag Society for the original quote. During discussion, it was explained that at a previous meeting, a quote had been provided for cyber insurance and since then, it was discovered that the Otoe County Ag Society had not been included in the quote. The premium increased \$116 annually with the addition of the Ag Society to the quoted price. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners had approved a contract with Midwest Engineers for Class A Superintendent services during the April 23, 2024, meeting. Cole made a motion, Freshman seconded, to specify Josh Keithley, of Midwest Engineers, to be contracted for Highway Superintendent Class A services, effective April 23, 2024. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve an interlocal agreement between Otoe County and the SE PET for the logistical and financial planning of the 2024 SE PET Region Workshop. Gregg Goebel stated that all expenses would be paid from the SE PET budget and not through the general budget. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion of updating the KENO applications and the processes used for the applications. A draft will be presented at a future meeting.

Commissioner Sornson presented a road report.

Vanessa Sherman, Otoe County Juvenile Diversion Director and Central Navigator, presented an annual report on the Central Navigation program. Lisa Chaney, Community Coordinator, presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Otoe County and Partners for Otoe County to provide Central Navigation services. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Otoe County and Partners for Otoe County to provide Central Navigation services. Voting aye were Freshman, Sornson, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

The board reviewed the budget for FY24-25.

At 9:59 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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 13th day of August 2024.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk