

September 10, 2024

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:46 a.m. on September 24, 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 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 located near 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.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, 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 Parsons, 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 September 2024 Veteran of the Month honor to Alissa Meinke. Chad Miller spoke of Ms. Meinke's military service and honors.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve an interlocal agreement for the formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region 5 Systems. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of a report as submitted by the County Sheriff for distress warrants collected and the amount remaining outstanding. The total unpaid amount is \$6,867.02.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of an itemized report from the Otoe County Treasurer of the amount of personal property taxes that remain uncollected after distress warrants were issued in November 2023. The total unpaid amount is \$6,867.02.

Trevor Glasgow was present to address a grievance that he filed with Otoe County. Mr. Glasgow made the decision to have the discussion take place during open session of the meeting. Mr. Glasgow presented his reasoning for filing the grievance and the board had a discussion with him regarding the issue, timeline, etc. Chairman Sornson informed Mr. Glasgow that the board would discuss the issue and contact him. No action was taken during the meeting.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #9-24-24-20 to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried

At approximately 9:00 a.m. a public hearing was opened for the purpose of hearing support or opposition to set the property tax request at an amount different than the previous year. Chairman Sornson presented information regarding the proposed tax request and tax rate. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution #9-24-24-21 to approve the tax rate for FY24-25. The tax request is \$8,992,323.83. The tax rate for FY24-25 will be \$.289864 per \$100 of assessed value. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Brian Briley, Road Lead Supervisor, presented the road report.

Chairman Sornson informed the public that the board members would visit the County jail facility upon adjournment per State Statute 47-109.

There was no public comment.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to enter executive session to review and discuss the proposed renewal of the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Road Department. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried. Executive session was entered at 9:12 a.m. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to reconvene in regular session. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. Regular session resumed at 11:12 a.m.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At 11:12 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 24th day of September 2024.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk