

October 8, 2024

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:45 a.m. on October 8, 2024, following the budget public hearing, 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 the 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 Crownover, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. 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 \$23,7793.16 for the month of September 2024. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the quarterly report from the County Sheriff denoting the amount of certain fees collected, from whom and for what service. The total amount received in the third quarter of the year was \$12,582.55.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending July 31, 2024, of the petty cash accounts held by Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Teresa Johnson, Child Support Officer; Ruth Ann Weddle, Register of Deeds; Colin Caudill, Sheriff; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Dana Ritchheart, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve and enter an interlocal agreement between Nemaha Natural Resources District, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Pawnee County, Otoe County, and Richardson County for the purpose of administering, developing, and funding an update of the 2025 All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #10-8-24-25 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2024. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to leave the determination of a previously filed grievance as terminated. There was a discussion of Trevor Glasgow's filed grievance during the September 24, 2024, meeting. Today's action determined that the action of termination was upheld.

Brian Briley, Road Lead Supervisor, presented the Lead Supervisor's report.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #10-8-24-23 to approve the budget for FY2024-2025. The budget had been presented and approved during the September 24th Commissioners' meeting, but it was discovered that there was an error with Nebraska City News Press that caused the hearing notice not to be published as requested. An additional hearing was held prior to today's meeting following the hearing notice being published in the October 4, 2024, edition of the Nebraska City News Press and the approval process was repeated. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At approximately 9:10 a.m. a public hearing was opened for the purpose of hearing support or opposition to setting 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. The tax request had been presented and approved during the September 24th Commissioners' meeting, but it was discovered that there was an error with Nebraska City News Press that caused the hearing notice not to be published as requested. An additional hearing was held during today's meeting following the hearing notice being published in the October 4th edition of the Nebraska City News Press and the approval process was repeated. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #10-8-24-24 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 Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

At 9:12 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 8th day of October 2024.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk