

December 17, 2024

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 17, 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, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Cole.

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 Crownover, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole 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, Cole, 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, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were, Crownover, Cole, 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 \$230,120.69 for the month of November 2024. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution #12-17-24-28 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent. Voting aye were Cole, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

John Hladik, representing Tall Grass, spoke during public comment. He provide information regarding the company and pipeline.

Tom Farrell was present to discuss invoices that were issued for a work comp audit and premium adjustments. He stated that the work comp was based on expiring payroll amounts and following the audit, there was a disparity in the sheriff and road payroll amounts for the current year. The difference in amounts was in categories with higher premiums. The adjusted amount that would be due is approximately \$50,000.00. Cole made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to accept and pay the adjusted premiums for workers compensation coverage. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Vanessa Sherman, Juvenile Diversion, presented the Comprehensive Youth Services Plan for 2025-2030. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the submittal of the Comprehensive Youth Services Plan 2025-2030 to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the submittal of the Community-Based Aid Juvenile Services Grant to the Nebraska Crime Commission in the amount of \$50,004.00. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to enter executive closed session to review and discuss wages and personnel for 2025. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried. Executive session was entered at 9:15 a.m. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to reconvene in regular session. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried. Regular session resumed at 9:58 a.m.

At 9:58 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 on this 17th day of December 2024.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk