

January 28, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on January 28, 2025, 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 is posted near the door of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover 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. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. 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 Cole to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Claims Approved Jan. 28, 2025

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$121.70	SARPY COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$1,371.35
JULIE E BEAR DBA REINSCH,	srv	\$199.50	STEPHANIE SHRADER	srv,mileage	\$35.20
HOWARD BEBOUT	srv,mileage	\$33.80	SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ASSESSOR ASSOC	dues	\$75.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$219.45	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	srv	\$2,101.50
CHI HEALTH ATTN FINANCE	srv	\$411.46	BOBIE A TOUCHSTONE	srv	\$931.00
CITIZEN PRINTING CO	srv	\$150.00	ULINE	sup	\$125.93
CITY OF SYRACUSE	srv	\$242.29	VERIZON WIRELESS	srv	\$1,867.05
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	srv	\$21.51	SAMANTHA WELCH	reim	\$70.20
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	srv	\$22.00	SARAH G WILTSE	reim	\$98.00
DOUG DELHAY	srv,mileage	\$35.20	CHERI WIRTHELE	srv,mileage	\$42.20
DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$31.20	ALLIED OIL & TIRE COMPANY	srv	\$1,088.63
GUDE MORTUARY	srv	\$1,100.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	srv	\$395.80
SETH W HAWKINS	reim	\$8,144.99	CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP	srv	\$199.30
DANIEL HODGES	srv,mileage	\$47.80	DANS TIRE & REPAIR INC	srv	\$60.00
ID WHOLESALER	sup	\$17,190.44	DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$58.00
SETH KRUSE	srv	\$500.00	ET'S LAWN & LEISURE	srv	\$61.68
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$18.00	HOPKINS AUTOMOTIVE INC	srv	\$53.12
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	srv	\$1,501.94	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	srv	\$13,485.00
MIDWEST CARD AND ID SOLUTIONS LLC	srv	\$3,500.00	BRADLEY MEYER	reim	\$31.00
MILLER FAMILY DENTISTRY	srv	\$721.00	MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY INC	srv	\$786.73
MOCIC	dues	\$150.00	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	srv	\$1,158.00
			POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC	srv	\$9,006.00

NE DEPT OF LABOR	srv	\$374.00	TIFCO INDUSTRIES	srv	\$252.67
NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	srv	\$180.00	VILLAGE OF OTOE	srv	\$22.50
NEBRASKA CITY AREA ECONOMIC	cont	\$27,500.00	WHETROCK INC	srv	\$26,990.66
NEMAHA COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$6.00	1ST CLASS PLUMBING, HEATING, A/C INC	srv	\$392.50
PARTNERS FOR OTOE COUNTY	srv	\$1,740.00	PRAIRIE DOG KENNELS INC	srv	\$96.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	srv	\$300.00	YANT EQUIPMENT INC	srv	\$38,000.00
PIP MARKETING, SIGNS, PRINT	sup	\$1,531.84	MRB LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL VIS. CENTER	cont	\$10,000.00
PROFESSIONAL TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	srv	\$80.00	NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	tax	\$7,590.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	sup	\$2,000.00	CENTURY LINK	srv	\$3,599.84
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	srv	\$1,154.04	GEO-COMM INC	srv	\$7,125.00
REGION V SYSTEMS	srv	\$2,782.00	CB PLUMBING SERVICES	srv	\$12,200.77
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$38.00	NEBRASKA BEST CARPET CLEANING LLC	srv	\$3,973.00
AMANDA ROBERTS	reim	\$84.90	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	srv	\$871.59
			STAHLA SERVICES LLC	srv	\$5,549.63
			Claims: \$ 221,897.91		
			Payroll: \$ 261,684.75		
			Grand Total: \$483,582.66		

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

Desaray Johnson, Project Response Executive Director, presented a quarterly report.

Ben Jewell, UNL Associate Extension Educator, presented an annual report. Mr. Jewell also provided information regarding the Otoe County Extension Board. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve Abbey Keim and Deb Niedermeyer as new Otoe County Extension Board members. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The public hearing for the J & D Reese Subdivision was tabled until the February 11, 2025, meeting.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the subdivision plat of DeRoe Subdivision, a 4.66+ acre tract located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 7N, Range 10E. The site is located at approximately 15th and N Roads. David Schmitz, Otoe County Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that this is for a new residence that will have rural water hookup and that the planning commission had unanimously approved. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve subdivision plat of DeRoe Subdivision, a 4.66+ acre tract located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 8, Township 7N, Range 10E. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Rebecca Kern, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service Omaha/Valley was present to state that Otoe County was renewed as Storm Ready. The renewal is for four years. The county has been recognized as Storm Ready since 2011. She stated some of the requirements to participate and be certified. Gregg Goebel and Steve Cody, Otoe County EMA, stated that 120 new weather radios were provided to public areas within the county through a federal grant.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged a report from the Otoe County Safety Committee with 2024 accomplishments.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement between Nebraska Public Employees Local 251 representing Otoe County Road/Highway Employees and Otoe County was tabled until the February 11, 2025, meeting. Jenniffer Panko-Rahe stated that a signable copy of the final agreement was needed.

Brian Briley, Roads Lead Supervisor, presented a road report.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of Chairman Sornson declared this meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 11, 2025.

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 28th day of January 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk