

February 11, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 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 Parsons, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Cole.

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

Claims Approved February 11, 2025

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$157.10	SAMS CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	sup	\$1,344.36
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$1,147.57	SCHMITZ LAND SURVEYING INC	srv,mil	\$3,030.80
AMERICAN RECYCLING & SANITATION INC	srv	\$447.61	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	srv	\$342.68
JULIE E BEAR DBA REINSCH,	srv	\$180.50	UKG INC	srv	\$1,384.24
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	srv	\$385.60	ULINE	sup	\$444.99
BOB BARKER CO INC	sup	\$414.91	FIBER PLATFORM LLC	srv	\$2,458.31
BOHL PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.	srv	\$140.58	VIRTUAL DOXX CORPORATION	sup	\$249.97
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	srv	\$176.09	VISA ACCT EMA	srv	\$270.00
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	srv	\$59.45	VISA	srv	\$2,952.81
COLIN CAUDILL, SHERIFF	srv	\$195.66	VISA	srv	\$492.86
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$229.47	VISA	srv	\$2,073.84
CHERRYROAD MEDIA INC	srv	\$226.06	BROWN GLASS CO INC	srv	\$598.15
CHI HEALTH	srv	\$251.82	KYLE S. CROUSHORN	reim	\$31.00
CITY OF SYRACUSE	srv	\$397.43	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	srv	\$85.00
CODY'S U-SAVE PHARMACY #583	srv	\$146.00	HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	srv	\$2,025.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	srv	\$179.54	INLAND TRUCK PARTS COMPANY	srv	\$5,829.75
BRUCE DALLUGE, ATTORNEY AT LAW	srv	\$1,501.00	J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	sup	\$295.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	srv	\$1,316.80	KEIM FARM EQUIPMENT CO	sup	\$309.88
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$4,108.92	LANGFELDT OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	srv	\$210.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	sup	\$2,388.83	MARTIN-MARIETTA AGGREGATES	srv	\$23,886.75
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INST	srv	\$2,060.00	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC	srv	\$73.89
FAREWAY STORES INC	sup	\$1,141.60	MEESKE ACE HARDWARE	sup	\$415.45
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$140.00	MEESKE AUTO PARTS	sup	\$457.20

GALLS LLC	sup	\$1,531.34	MENARDS-LINCOLN STORE SOUTH	sup	\$349.99
GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICE, INC.	srv	\$14,253.34	MURPHY TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT		
JERE GRAVATT	srv	\$100.00	CO.INC	sup	\$32,634.48
DYLAN L. HANDLEY	srv	\$600.00	NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	srv,sup	\$105,725.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	srv	\$284.79	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	srv	\$657.00
JUNIOR VERNON HUGHES	srv	\$265.00	OPPD	srv	\$30.52
JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE	srv	\$20.00	PAPILLION SANITATION	srv	\$79.36
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$37.46	RDO TRUCK CENTERS LLC	srv	\$697.65
LANT HARDWARE	sup	\$15.99	RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3	srv	\$33.00
ROBERT E LARSEN DBA REINSCH	srv	\$703.00	SCHLEGEL AUTOMOTIVE INC	srv	\$3,194.44
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-BLAIR	srv	\$673.00	SYRACUSE LUMBER CO	sup	\$17.46
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	srv	\$560.00	TITAN MACHINERY	sup	\$12.00
ANGELA M MINAHAN DBA REINSCH,	srv	\$456.00	VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS	srv	\$70.80
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION			VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	srv	\$26.00
PROGRAMMING	srv	\$12,372.52	VISA	srv	\$1,086.54
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	srv	\$2,010.00	WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE INC	sup	\$95.16
N C UTILITIES	srv	\$6,279.50	WHETROCK INC	srv	\$4,947.47
NACO	reg	\$40.00	CITIZEN PRINTING CO	srv	\$225.00
NE ASSN CLKS,DEEDS & ELEC COMM	dues	\$100.00	ABM SUPPLY, LLC	sup	\$3,842.50
NEBRASKA CITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN	srv,rent	\$6,179.64	CELLEBRITE INC	srv	\$11,000.00
NEMAHA COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$32.60	JONES AUTOMOTIVE INC	srv	\$19,169.38
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	sup	\$870.79	TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	srv	\$423.00
OTOE COUNTY COURT	srv	\$620.00	CJS CONSTRUCTION	srv	\$30,280.00
PAPER TIGER	srv	\$149.00	WINDSTREAM	srv	\$1,142.68
PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	srv	\$246.75	NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY	srv	\$3,000.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	srv	\$2,000.00	FAIRBURY LIGHT & WATER	srv	\$83.38
REGION V SYSTEMS	srv	\$1,498.00	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	srv	\$9,000.00
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$144.00	CB PLUMBING SERVICES	srv	\$529.96
			MADSEN ELECTRIC LLC	srv	\$1,041.82
			Claims: \$348,092.58		
			Payroll: \$ 345,619.23		
			Grand Total: \$693,711.81		

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, 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 \$13,792.34 for the month of January 2025. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the Chairman to sign and provide a letter of commitment to contribute \$27,857.50 to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging for fiscal year 2025-2026. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chad Thies, Olivia Wells, and Kate Abendroth, representing Zelle HR, presented information to the board regarding the human resource services available with the company.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve an updated interlocal agreement for the Southeast Weed Management Association (SEWMA) for the addition of Cass County to the association. It was mentioned that the updated interlocal was for the addition of Cass County and there were no other changes to the previous agreement. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The public hearing for the J & D Reese Subdivision was tabled until the February 25, 2025, meeting.

Tom Shoemaker, President, Pinpoint, provided information on upcoming plans for expansion and growth within the county and surrounding area. Pinpoint will be applying for grants for the projects and Mr. Shoemaker requested a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners. The information will be reviewed and the approval/denial for providing a letter of support will be presented at the February 25, 2025, meeting.

Mike Weiss, Nemaha County Commissioner, was present to discuss the option of sharing an employee for the Weed Supervisor position. He proposed a 60% Otoe County/40% Nemaha County split. Discussion included the time needed to support both counties. With the upcoming mowing season and staffing, they did not feel that there were available hours to provide Nemaha County with 40% of the current position's time. It was suggested that Nemaha County fill the full-time position and that it would be allowed for Mr. Walters to assist in the training of their new hire if needed.

Michele Boutin was not able to attend today's meeting. The agenda item to discuss an exception of a zoning regulation was tabled until the February 25, 2025, meeting.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Nebraska Public Employees Local 251, representing Otoe County Road/Highway Employees, and Otoe County with the change of Article 11, Section 1, Letter K, to be "after 13 years of continuous employment". A typo was found in Article 11, Section 1 that had letters J and K both reading "after 12 years of continuous employment". Letter J should be "after 12 years of continuous employment" and Letter K should be "after 13 years of continuous employment". Chairman Sornson noted, initialed and dated the change within the agreement. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment.

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 25, 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 11th day of February 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk