

February 25, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 25, 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 Cole, 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, Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Claims Approved February 25, 2025

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| AMAZON | sup | \$469.11 | VERIZON WIRELESS | srv | \$1,866.93 |
| PAM BENNETT | srv | \$100.00 | ACE/EATON METALS | sup | \$53,559.30 |
| BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING | cont | \$6,964.38 | ANTES FAMILY HARDWARE | sup | \$431.07 |
| BOLDT TIRE SUPPLY & SERVICE LLC | srv | \$193.42 | BLACK HILLS ENERGY | srv | \$396.49 |
| CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD | srv | \$355.12 | COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC | srv | \$47.04 |
| DANIELLE CATRON | reim | \$156.28 | CONSOLIDATED RURAL WATER DIST #1 | srv | \$142.50 |
| CB PLUMBING SERVICES | srv | \$907.32 | GRAINGER | sup | \$118.84 |
| CHI HEALTH | srv | \$207.74 | HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY | srv | \$279.90 |
| DAS | srv | \$690.00 | HOPKINS AUTOMOTIVE INC | srv | \$210.28 |
| DELL MARKETING LP | srv | \$3,804.86 | HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO | srv | \$3,360.99 |
| DOUGLAS TIRE INC | srv | \$128.95 | J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS | sup | \$52.00 |
| GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC | sup | \$84.00 | JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL | sup | \$724.40 |
| HENRY MOTORS SOUTH INC | srv | \$106.55 | KANEQUIP,INC | srv | \$159.61 |
| LANDIS ENGINE CO INC | sup | \$98.57 | MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC | srv | \$434.32 |
| LARSON MOTORS INC | srv | \$4,065.31 | MIDWEST CDL TRAINING LLC | srv | \$360.50 |
| MADSEN ELECTRIC LLC | srv | \$11,549.73 | MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO | sup | \$18,489.60 |
| DIANE MERWIN | srv | \$2,698.00 | NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOC | reg | \$150.00 |
| ANGELA M MINAHAN | srv | \$788.50 | PEERLESS ENERGY SYSTEMS | sup | \$815.12 |
| MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING | srv | \$6,331.45 | POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC | srv | \$907.12 |
| MRFIVETONINE | srv | \$701.25 | SOUTHEAST PLUMBING & HEATING | srv | \$2,069.00 |
| N C UTILITIES | srv | \$117.98 | SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY, INC | sup | \$533.26 |
| NACA | dues | \$100.00 | TIFCO INDUSTRIES | sup | \$256.48 |
| NACO | reg | \$80.00 | VILLAGE OF OTOE | srv | \$22.50 |

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| NE ASSOC.OF COUNTY TREASURERS | dues | \$75.00 | 1ST CLASS PLUMBING,HEATING,A/C INC | srv | \$421.25 |
| NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | srv | \$186.00 | ULINE | sup | \$423.95 |
| NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER | srv | \$683.00 | RDO TRUCK CENTERS LLC | veh | \$290,766.24 |
| NEBRASKA.GOV | srv | \$8.50 | LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC | srv | \$16.52 |
| PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC | srv | \$630.00 | WINDSTREAM | srv | \$416.25 |
| PROFESSIONAL TERMITE & PEST CONTROL | srv | \$80.00 | LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY EMA | srv | \$5,349.63 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | sup | \$59.89 | DAMME APPLIANCE + LLC | sup | \$1,149.00 |
| JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C. | srv | \$186.00 | SHIPLEY FLOORING | srv | \$875.00 |
| SARPY COUNTY TREASURER | srv | \$1,208.94 | (claims) | \$430,586.98 | |
| SYRACUSE VETERINARY SERVICE | srv | \$265.00 | (payroll) | \$334,510.73 | |
| UKG INC | srv | \$1,384.24 | (Grand | | |
| VERIZON | srv | \$316.80 | Total) | \$765,097.71 | |

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

Michelle Boutin requested an exception to the planning regulation that requires a three-acre parcel for building a new residence. Mr. and Mrs. Boutin purchased a one-acre parcel; Parcel #004219500. Dave Schmitz, Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the parcel was once an old school site in the 1890's and is a corner parcel. He stated that there have been exceptions before for old school sites and with the historical background, the request was not required to go before the planning and zoning board and he as the planning and zoning admin could approve for them. He said that if the septic and well requirements could be met on the one-acre tract, he did not have an issue. The Boutins stated those measurements were completed and all setbacks could be met, but they have not had the water tested. Sornson made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve an exception to the three-acre minimum zoning regulation for building to Michelle Boutin for parcel #004219500 contingent on a completed and approved water test. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Tom Farrell, Miller Farrell Ins. was not able to attend, and his presentation was tabled until the March 11, 2025, meeting.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the subdivision plat of Ruge's Cozy Acres Subdivision, a 5.26+- acre tract located in the S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 17, Township 9N, Range 11E as proposed by Ward Ruge, Jenny Ruge, and Pamela Lefferdink. The site is located at 2745 D Road. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Planning/Zoning Administrator, stated that as of today's meeting, the 2024 taxes had not been paid and that the plat could not be filed until paid. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the subdivision plat of Ruge's Cozy Acres Subdivision, a 5.26+- acre tract located in the S ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 17, Township 9N, Range 11E contingent on the approval for rural water hook-up and the 2024 taxes being paid. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the subdivision plat of J & D Reese Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 8N, Range 13E, as proposed by Janis J. Gress. The site is located at 5246 I Rd. Dave Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Planning/Zoning Administrator stated that the presented plat is a corrected version of the original plat proposed. The acre/description did not change but the layout did. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed. Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve subdivision plat of J & D Reese Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 8N, Range 13E. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay- none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a conditional use permit for a commercial building where the building stalls may be leased or sold, located in Lots 10 & 11, M & M Commercial Park Subdivision located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Township 9N, Range 9E as proposed by BLV Falcon, LLC per Seth Vontz. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Planning/Zoning Administrator, stated

that the planning and zoning board approved for building and leasing. It was discussed and confirmed that the stalls would not be used for residential living space. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve a commercial building where the building stalls may be leased, located in Lots 10 & 11, M & M Commercial Park Subdivision located in the N ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Township 9N, Range 9E as proposed by BLV Falcon, LLC per Seth Vontz. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion seconded by Crownover to approve the transfer of a surplus Emergency Management grant funded trailer to the Otoe County Amateur Radio Association. Gregg Goebel, Otoe County EMA Director, explained that the acquisition of another trailer has caused this trailer to be surplus equipment. By transferring the trailer to the Otoe County Amateur Radio Association, the organization will be able to set it up for HAM radio use in emergencies. The organization would take over any and all future costs after receiving the trailer. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the transfer of a surplus Emergency Management grant funded trailer to the Otoe County Amateur Radio Association. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Two quotes for the 2025 annual bridge inspections were received. Both quotes were for 140 routine and 12 fracture critical (NSTM) inspections. Mainelli Wagner & Associates \$24,785.00, and Midwest Engineering, Inc. \$23,980.00. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve a contract with Midwest Engineering, Inc. for completing the 2025 bridge inspections in the amount of \$23,980.00. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to go into executive session. Chairman Sornson stated the closed session would be to discuss the vacation accruals for the road department. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried. Executive session was entered at 9:14 a.m. Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to reconvene in regular session. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay- none. Motion carried. Regular session was reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

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 9:38 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 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 25th day of February 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk