

May 20, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 20, 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 Cole, 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 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, Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Claims Approved May 20, 2025

AIRDATA UAV INC	srv	\$2,080.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS, INC	srv	\$189.34
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$106.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$573.98
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$543.44
JULIE E BEAR DBA REINSCH,	srv	\$1,947.50
BENEFIEL	srv	\$171.72
BOLDT TIRE SUPPLY & SERVICE LLC	srv	\$73.33
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	srv	\$175.00
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	srv	\$998.82
CEDARS	srv	\$5,911.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$249.16
CIDNET	sup	\$100.00
CITY OF SYRACUSE	srv	\$286.43
CODY'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	srv	\$439.31
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	srv	\$690.00
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$4,003.20
FAREWAY STORES INC	sup	\$1,451.57
FIREGUARD INC	srv	\$1,343.75
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$570.00
ALLEN - HARVEY INC	srv	\$300.00
GALLS LLC	sup	\$1,825.88
GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICE, INC.	srv	\$38,466.09
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$240.00

SETH W HAWKINS	reim	\$307.16
HENRY MOTORS SOUTH INC	srv	\$171.13
NICKI KREIFELS, OTOE CO TREASURER	tran	\$350,000.00
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$24.38
LANT HARDWARE	sup	\$91.42
LARSON MOTORS INC	srv	\$253.65
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	srv	\$870.57
LIND LAWN	srv	\$1,750.00
LSP ENTERPRISES	srv	\$215.84
MADSEN ELECTRIC LLC	srv	\$2,847.68
DIANE MERWIN DBA FANKHAUSER, NELSEN	srv	\$2,793.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	reg	\$3,450.00
N C UTILITIES	srv	\$5,364.16
NEBRASKA CITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN	srv,rent	\$6,008.78
NEBRASKALAND UPFITTERS LLC	srv	\$600.00
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES, LLC	srv	\$750.00
OTOE COUNTY COURT	srv	\$665.00
OTTER TAIL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	srv	\$45.00
PAGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	srv	\$58.00
JENNIFFER PANKO RAHE	reim	\$100.43
PAPER TIGER	srv	\$149.00
PARTNERS FOR OTOE COUNTY	srv	\$2,010.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	srv	\$2,750.00
PROFESSIONAL TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	srv	\$80.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	srv	\$2,000.00
REGION V SYSTEMS	srv	\$6,420.00
RICHARDSON COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$48.66
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$72.00
SAMS CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	sup	\$719.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$20.19
SARPY COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$1,617.99
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	srv	\$342.68
BOBIE A TOUCHSTONE	srv	\$142.50
FIBER PLATFORM LLC	srv	\$2,459.33
VERIZON	srv	\$897.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	srv	\$2,819.49
VISA	srv	\$2,899.06
VISA	srv	\$464.24
VISA	srv	\$3,251.99
ALLIED OIL & TIRE COMPANY	srv	\$722.73
ANTES FAMILY HARDWARE	sup	\$313.30
CONSOLIDATED RURAL WATER DIST #1	srv	\$117.00
DANS TIRE & REPAIR INC	srv	\$90.45
HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES LLC	srv	\$1,466.20
LAURA HILL	srv	\$239.00
JIM HAWK TRUCK TRAILERS	sup	\$128.04

KEIM FARM EQUIPMENT CO	srv	\$5.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	srv	\$5,199.70
MARTIN-MARIETTA AGGREGATES	srv	\$243,246.46
MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC	srv	\$491.43
MEESKE ACE HARDWARE	sup	\$29.92
MURPHY TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT CO.INC	srv	\$7,027.85
NAPA AUTO	sup	\$223.99
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	srv	\$2,905.30
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	sup	\$369.17
POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC	srv	\$208.58
RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3	srv	\$36.00
SCHLEGEL AUTOMOTIVE INC	srv	\$2,012.10
SYRACUSE LUMBER CO	srv	\$651.81
SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY, INC	sup	\$412.99
VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS	srv	\$70.40
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	srv	\$26.00
VISA	srv	\$2,375.70
JAMES B WESSELS DBA	srv	\$24,691.21
WHETROCK INC	srv	\$48,274.36
HERBST CONSTRUCTION, INC.	srv	\$145,527.25
GWORCS	srv	\$3,253.00
ESTATE OF ROBERTA GIGSTAD	reim	\$756.48
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC	srv	\$11.21
WINDSTREAM	srv	\$1,142.68
JEFFERSON COUNTY EMA	srv	\$178.45
NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	srv	\$140.33
OTOE COUNTY TREASURER	reim	\$28,900.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	srv	\$6,000.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHALL/BOILER DIV	srv	\$72.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	srv	\$1,100.65
Regular Claims Total		\$996,683.52
Payroll Claims Total		\$332,068.90
Grand Total		\$1,328,752.42

Cole 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.

Sornson opened a public hearing regarding the subdivision plat of Francke Farms Subdivision, a 3.29 +- acre tract located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of S9, T 9N, R 9E as proposed by William Siefert, President of Francke Farms, Inc. This is an existing farm stead at the southeast corner of North 3rd and B Roads. Ann Post, an attorney representing the applicant, stated that this was a three-acre plat with rural water and it had been unanimously approved by the planning commission. There were no other public comments, and the public hearing was closed. Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the subdivision plat of Francke Farms Subdivision, a 3.29 +- acre tract located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of S9, T 9N, R 9E as proposed by William Siefert, President of Francke Farms, Inc. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing regarding a subdivision plat of Maybee 2nd Subdivision, a 3.01 – acre tract located in the North ½ of S 12, T 7N, R 14E, as proposed by Brad L. Maybee, Trustee of the Brad L. Maybee Living Trust, and Tanner Schmitz. The site is located on County Road N, ½ mile east of County Road 72. Dave

Schmitz, County Surveyor and Planning/Zoning Administrator, stated that this is for a new residence. A well test has been completed, and the location has good road access. There was no public comment, and the public hearing was closed. Sornson made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the subdivision plat of Maybee 2nd Subdivision, a 3.01 – acre tract located in the North ½ of S 12, T 7N, R 14E, as proposed by Brad L. Maybee, Trustee of the Brad L. Maybee Living Trust, and Tanner Schmitz.

Craig Bolz spoke to the board regarding the county budget and spending.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve an amended and reinstated agreement of the formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Region V Systems. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve an amended and reinstated agreement of the formation of the Region V Community Human Services Program and Apace. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to adopt Resolution #5-20-25-7 to appoint Miller Farrell as broker of record for bidding county insurance, with County Clerk as alternate place of delivering bid proposals, for July 2025 renewal. The resolution states that the Otoe County Commissioner Committee on Insurance together with Miller Farrell Insurance Agency will open and review all bids. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried. Tom Farrell was not present at the time of the resolution passing, but did speak with the board later in the meeting. Further discussion was held where Commissioners Parsons and Cole indicated that they would agree to review and compare any bids presented to the Clerk.

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

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to initiate a road vacation study on a portion of a county road adjacent to Giles Road located in the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 8 N, Range 9 E, Otoe County. The road vacation study is an initial step in resolving a land easement issue. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #5-20-25-8 to authorize the amendment of the 2025 One-and-Six-Year Road Plan. The amendment is to include a project to fix an approximate 1100' section of business Highway 75. The State of Nebraska had previously deeded that portion of the highway to the county and will not have any shared expenses for the repairs. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

During public comment, Craig Bolz commended the road department on the conditions of the roads in his area. He also spoke about the county brush policy. The board acknowledged David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Planning/Zoning Administrator, for his 30 years of service with Otoe County. Mr. Schmitz will be retiring on May 30, 2025.

Chairman Sornson moved on to the bridge collapse on Road D agenda item. Before any discussion, Commissioner Parsons stated that due to potential litigation, he thought the discussion should be in closed executive session. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to enter closed session. Close session began at 9:25 a.m. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – None. Motion carried. At 9:53 a.m., Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to resume regular session. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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 9:53 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 3, 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 20th day of May 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk