

June 16, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 16, 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.

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

Freshman 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. 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 June 16, 2025

AMAZON	sup	\$615.11
AMAZON	sup	\$566.40
AMAZON	sup	\$524.98
AMAZON	sup	\$190.96
ANTES FAMILY HARDWARE	sup	\$192.01
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	srv	\$611.60
BLUEALLY	srv	\$7,800.00
BOB BARKER CO INC	sup	\$289.21
BRYAN PHYSICIAN NETWORK	srv	\$713.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	srv	\$176.09
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	srv	\$364.05
COLIN CAUDILL, SHERIFF	srv	\$235.46
CDW GOVERNMENT	sup	\$1,790.36
CEDARS YOUTH SERVICES, INC	srv	\$3,795.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$238.70
CHI HEALTH	srv	\$279.60
CHI HEALTH CLINIC SPECIALTY	srv	\$160.15
SAINT MARY'S COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	srv	\$5,117.25
CITY OF SYRACUSE	srv	\$315.43
CODY'S U-SAVE PHARMACY	srv	\$163.00
CADANCE COX	reim	\$766.01
CROWNE PLAZA/YOUNES CONF CNTR NORTH	srv	\$289.90

DAS STATE ACCOUNTING	srv	\$712.00
DELL MARKETING LP	srv	\$9,255.60
DISCOUNT CELL INC	srv	\$3,035.25
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$7,199.51
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	sup	\$61.72
FANKHAUSER,NELSEN,WERTS & ZISKEY	rent	\$600.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	sup	\$1,215.13
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$145.00
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$27,096.52
FIRST WIRELESS INC	srv	\$148.10
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	srv	\$23.87
GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICE, INC.	srv	\$32,229.61
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$240.00
GUDE MORTUARY	srv	\$300.00
DALTON HANIKA	srv	\$35.40
AMBER HASKINS	srv	\$125.00
HENRY MOTORS SOUTH INC	srv	\$804.26
HOMETOWN LEASING	srv	\$284.79
JUNIOR VERNON HUGHES	srv	\$120.00
I29 SPEEDWAY	srv	\$1,000.00
JC DIRTWORK, LLC	srv	\$1,900.00
KING INSURANCE PARTNERS	srv	\$7,695.12
NICKI KREIFELS, OTOE CO TREASURER	trns	\$1,754,682.35
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$27.49
LARSON MOTORS INC	srv	\$1,388.81
KORY LIND	srv	\$1,870.00
MEAD LUMBER DO-IT-BEST INC	sup	\$10.87
DIANE MERWIN	srv	\$2,147.00
MERZ INK	sup	\$462.86
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	srv	\$420.00
MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION		
PROGRAMMING	srv	\$5,614.52
N C UTILITIES	srv	\$4,419.57
NACO	dues	\$2,738.88
NCVMBP	rent	\$656.25
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	srv	\$324.00
NEBRASKA CITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN	srv,rent	\$6,028.90
NEBRASKA CITY MEDICAL CLINIC	srv	\$49.86
NEBRASKA CITY NEWS PRESS	sub	\$83.50
NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MEDICINE PC	srv	\$1,229.00
NELSEN RENTALS	rent	\$1,500.00
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	reg	\$600.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	sup	\$118.81
OTOE COUNTY COURT	srv	\$305.00
OTOE COUNTY TITLE CO.	srv	\$150.00
OTOE COUNTY TREASURER	trns	\$89,200.00
PAPER TIGER	srv	\$149.00
PARTNERS FOR OTOE COUNTY	srv	\$2,160.00

PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP	srv	\$37,333.73
PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS INC	srv	\$246.75
POSTMASTER	sup	\$750.00
PROFESSIONAL TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	srv	\$80.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	sup	\$248.90
QUILL CORPORATION	sup	\$521.72
RADIOLOGY CONSULTANTS	srv	\$138.00
REGION V SYSTEMS	srv	\$1,498.00
JANIS A. RIEGE	reim	\$690.20
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$36.00
RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3	srv	\$1,836.00
SAMS CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	sup	\$375.02
SARPY COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$1,571.29
SCHMITZ LAND SURVEYING INC	srv,mileage	\$3,025.90
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	srv	\$311.44
CHRISTI SMALLFOOT	reim	\$17.45
SYRACUSE AREA HEALTH	srv	\$87.00
SYRACUSE MARKET LLC	sup	\$25.64
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	sup	\$376.20
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	srv	\$342.68
BOBIE A TOUCHSTONE	srv	\$3,420.00
FIBER PLATFORM LLC	srv	\$2,459.33
UNITED STATES TREASURY	tax	\$222.18
VERIZON	srv	\$954.71
VERIZON WIRELESS	srv	\$2,820.49
VISA	srv	\$5,011.65
VISA	srv	\$33.87
VISA	srv	\$4,973.26
WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE INC	sup	\$607.70
WONDER WASH	srv	\$825.00
ALL STAR GLASS OF LINCOLN LLC	srv	\$250.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	srv	\$139.62
CONSOLIDATED RURAL WATER DIST #1	srv	\$142.50
CORNHUSKER 800 TRUCK EQUIP SVC CO	sup	\$34.69
DANS TIRE & REPAIR INC	srv	\$68.00
HOPKINS AUTOMOTIVE INC	sup	\$60.76
KANEQUIP,INC	sup	\$835.93
LANT HARDWARE	sup	\$51.96
MARTIN-MARIETTA AGGREGATES	srv	\$165,538.13
MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC	srv	\$77.05
MEESKE ACE HARDWARE	sup	\$328.62
MEESKE AUTO PARTS	sup	\$42.34
MENARDS-LINCOLN STORE SOUTH	sup	\$275.64
MILLER SEED COMPANY	sup	\$1,080.00
MURPHY TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT CO.INC	sup	\$1,656.50
NAPA AUTO	sup	\$218.55
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	srv	\$31,869.84

NO LIMIT POWER INC	sup	\$498.24
OPPD	srv	\$30.41
PAPILLION SANITATION	srv	\$79.36
PFEIFFER WELDING & MACHINE LLC	srv	\$2,233.75
POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC	srv	\$702.00
SHIPLEY FLOORING	sup	\$125.00
SYRACUSE LUMBER CO	sup	\$290.25
SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY, INC	sup	\$477.26
TYS OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	srv	\$9,077.00
VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS	srv	\$72.00
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	srv	\$26.00
VISA	srv	\$1,123.23
WHETROCK INC	sup	\$30,499.95
NEBRASKA CITY TOURISM & COMMERCE	sub	\$26,460.00
NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION	dues	\$500.00
SYRACUSE FOUNDATION	cont	\$1,500.00
WKB LLC	srv	\$2,000.00
LEADSONLINE LLC	srv	\$2,991.00
TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	srv	\$425.00
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO INC	sup	\$99.98
VILLAGE OF UNADILLA	cont	\$10,000.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC	srv	\$29.71
WINDSTREAM	srv	\$1,142.68
WINDSTREAM	srv	\$417.27
JEFFERSON COUNTY EMA	srv	\$169.34
NEMAHA COUNTY EMA	reim	\$1,753.33
NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	srv	\$72.18
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN	srv	\$6,000.00
CONTROL SERVICES INC	srv	\$1,902.00
Regular Claims Total \$2,369,965.00		
Payroll Claims Total \$331,164.53		
Grand Total \$2,701,129.53		

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.

Lisa Walker, NCAEDC Director, and Jason Esser, NCAEDC Board of Directors Chairman, requested a \$10,000 increase in the county's annual contribution to NCAEDC. The county has contributed \$40,000 annually for approximately the past 15 years and the request is to increase the annual contribution to \$50,000. Mr. Esser explained other funding sources for the local organization and presented budget figures for similar organizations in counties comparable to Otoe County's size. After discussion, no action was taken. The funding request will be proposed during the figuring of the county's budget for the next fiscal year. No action was taken.

Vanessa Sherman, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, presented the 2025-2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant. The grant award amount is \$50,004.00. She explained that the document presented is the acceptance of the grant award and special conditions of the grant. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve and sign the Acceptance of Grant Award & Special Conditions for the 2025-2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There were two items on the agenda regarding contracts with Cedars. It was determined that they were the same and were combined into one discussion/action. Ms. Sherman explained to the board that Cedars provides services to the Diversion Program at an increased level. The hourly price remains the same as the previous contract at \$92/hour. The agreement is for the July 1, 2025 – June 20, 2026, or when grant funds are no longer available, whichever is sooner. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve an agreement with Cedars to continue supporting the Diversion Program. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Ms. Sherman, and Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Otoe County Attorney, spoke to the board regarding the restructuring of the Diversion Program. Currently, Ms. Sherman is the Juvenile Diversion Director and Central Navigator. The P4OC organization had provided \$13,200 annually for Ms. Sherman's work with the Central Navigation and employed two part-time coaches for the program. P4OC is requesting some changes and Ms. Sherman and Mrs. Panko-Rahe discussed some options with the board. One option would involve Ms. Sherman decreasing her participation with the Central Navigation and the county needing to fund the portion of her pay that was provided by P4OC, another option would involve the county employing the part-time coaches. There may be expenses that include cell phones and computers that have been funded through P4OC. Additional information and potential costs of options were requested. No action was taken.

There was discussion of Planning/Zoning Administrator position and the reason it was an appointed position and not an employed position. The position has been appointed for 20+ years, and the discussion was to leave it as such. Dan Thomson, Otoe County Surveyor, was appointed as the Planning/Zoning Administrator upon the retirement of David Schmitz. Mr. Thomson presented a contract to the board between Otoe County and Thomson Surveying LLC for planning/zoning services. The contract provides for Mr. Thomson's liability insurance for the planning/zoning services to be reimbursable. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve a contract between Otoe County and Thomson Surveying LLC for County Zoning Administrator services. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chad Miller, Otoe County Veteran Service Officer, spoke to the board regarding the potential of an interlocal agreement with Nemaha County for Veteran Services. He stated that he is currently averaging eight hours a week developing claims for Nemaha County veterans and making approximately 80% of their disability claims. Nemaha County's current budget is \$30,000 for the service. Mr. Miller stated that other counties of similar size that work together with interlocal agreements for this service are approximately \$30,000/year plus 25% operational costs. No action was taken.

It was reported that seven budgets would require a fund transfer to meet the financial obligations of FY 24-25. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt resolution #6-16-25-9 authorizing the transfer of funds to meet budgetary requirements for the County Board, Coroner, Child Support, Agricultural Extension Service, County Attorney, Probation Office, Welfare Assistance Administration Office budgets. The resolution authorizes the transfer of \$32.00 for County Board, \$3,950.00 for Coroner, \$2,628.28 for Child Support, \$7,029.87 for Agricultural Extension Services, \$528.25 for County Attorney, \$803.58 for Probation Office, and \$2,167.92 for the Welfare Assistance Administration Office. All budgets are within the general fund and funds will be transferred from the General miscellaneous budget. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman, Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for Project C-66 (679) Dunbar Northwest were publicly opened on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The project is the construction of a 3-span 110'-0" continuous concrete slab bridge, culvert installation, and other related incidental work. County Commissioners Jerad Sornson and Rick Freshman, Deputy County Clerk Mary Bennett, and Adam Mace, representing Mainelli Wagner Engineering, were present to represent the county. There were representatives from some of the construction companies present at the bid opening as well. Bids received for Project C-66(214):

Contractor	Bid	Start/End Dates
Herbst Construction, Inc.	\$954,984.00	Sept. 29, 2025 / 95 working days
Dixon Construction	\$956,078.50	Oct. 6, 2025 / 100 working days
JMN Construction, LLC	\$960,496.85	Sept. 2025 / 110 working days
JJK Construction, LLC.	\$979,020.55	Aug. 2025 / 100 working days
Midwest Infrastructure, Inc.	\$993,865.97	Aug. 13, 2025 / Nov. 30, 2025
KEA Constructors, LLC	\$1,126,745.05	Sept. 29, 2025 / 100 working days
Simon Contractors	\$1,219,000.00	Aug. 12, 2025 / Nov. 30, 2025
Constructors, Inc.	\$1,709,787.66	Aug. 11, 2025 / Nov. 30, 2025

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to award the bid for Project C-66(679) Dunbar Northwest to Herbst Constructions for \$954,984.00. This project is an approved CBMP project and will be reimbursed 55% to the county. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Brian Briley, Road Lead Supervisor, presented the 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 9:37 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 1, 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 16th day of June 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk