

July 1, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on July 1, 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 Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Sornson was absent.

Commissioner Freshman 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 Parsons, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover 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, Crownover, Cole, and Parsons. 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 Crownover, Cole, Parsons, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

#### Claims Approved July 1, 2025

NMMKS SECURITIES LLC DBA A-1 LOCKSM	srv	\$420.00
AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK	srv	\$41,745.75
HOWARD BEBOUT	srv,mileage	\$33.80
BENEFIEL TRUCK REPAIR & TOWING	srv	\$121.72
BOLDT TIRE SUPPLY & SERVICE LLC	srv	\$247.67
BRYAN PHYSICIAN NETWORK	srv	\$236.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$2.44
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	srv	\$187.28
COMFORT INN	srv	\$134.95
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	srv	\$844.80
DOUG DELHAY	srv,mileage	\$35.20
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$115.95
MATTHEW FRANKEN	srv	\$400.00
GWORCS	srv	\$21,717.00
DANIEL HODGES	srv,mileage	\$47.80
HOMETOWN LEASING	srv	\$1,921.84
LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$21.65
ROBERT LARSEN DBA ABRAHAMSON LAW	srv	\$893.00
LARSON MOTORS INC	srv	\$256.32
LEADSONLINE LLC	srv	\$7,120.65
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	srv	\$1,540.67
MILLER FARRELL INSURANCE AGENCY	srv	\$2,041.00
NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	srv	\$93.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	srv	\$15.00

CHAD NEUBAUER	srv,mileage	\$21.20
OTOE COUNTY ATTORNEY	srv	\$10.00
ANGELA PARSONS	srv	\$300.00
PARTNERS FOR OTOE COUNTY	srv	\$1,260.00
PARTNERS FOR OTOE CO	srv	\$900.00
PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	srv	\$690.00
THOMAS PRICKETT DBA REINSCH	srv	\$465.50
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	srv	\$2,000.00
RICHARDSON COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$9,937.93
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$220.00
SEND D	dues	\$8,428.00
STEPHANIE SHRADER	srv,mileage	\$35.20
THOMSON SURVEYING, LLC	srv	\$2,991.60
BOBIE A TOUCHSTONE	srv	\$228.00
UKG INC	srv	\$1,416.89
RICHARD WARNER	srv,mileage	\$48.50
CHERI WIRTHELE	srv,mileage	\$42.20
ACE IRRIGATION DBA ACE/EATON METALS	sup	\$18,906.72
CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORP	srv	\$947.22
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	sup	\$240.00
LANT HARDWARE	sup	\$155.93
MIDWEST ENGINEERING INC	srv	\$48,363.25
MIDWEST UNLIMITED	srv	\$299.90
NAPA AUTO	sup	\$278.72
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOC	dues	\$150.00
KEYES NELSON	reim	\$31.00
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	srv	\$83.00
RDO TRUCK CENTERS LLC	srv	\$1,848.95
SCHLEGEL AUTOMOTIVE INC	srv	\$222.85
T W ENTERPRISES INC	srv	\$459.00
VILLAGE OF OTOE	srv	\$22.50
D&H CONTRACTING LLC	srv	\$3,500.00
HERBST CONSTRUCTION, INC.	srv	\$225,542.35
NEBRASKA CITY CREATIVE DISTRICT	cont	\$9,300.00
JOHN E REID & ASSOCIATES INC	srv	\$850.00
CENTURY LINK	srv	\$3,601.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$281.68
CB PLUMBING SERVICES	srv	\$266.77
Regular Claims Total \$424,539.75		
Payroll Claims Total \$325,389.13		
Grand Total \$749,928.88		

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

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to appoint Teddy Lyon as a Veteran Service Committee Member. Chad Miller, Otoe County Veteran Service Officer, stated that the VFW 2634 recommended Mr. Lyon to represent on the committee. The term is July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028. Voting aye was Parsons, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to re-appoint Terrance Springer as a Veteran Service Committee Member. Mr. Miller stated that he believed the re-appointment was a year behind and that Mr. Springer's term would be July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Tracy Ensor, 4-H Educator, was present to introduce herself to the board. Ms. Ensor recently joined the Extension office staff. She informed the board on 4-H workshops that were being completed and fair preparations.

Freshman opened a public hearing regarding the subdivision plat of M & J Acres Subdivision, a 3.43 +- acre tract located in Part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of S31, T9N, R11E as proposed by John D. Halvorsen and Cheryl A. Halvorsen. Mr. and Mrs. Halvorsen were present and stated the original parcel was a 60-acre tract and the subdivision is to divide out 3.4 acres for the homestead. There is an existing home with rural water and a lagoon. There were no other public comments, and the public hearing was closed. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the subdivision plat of M & J Acres Subdivision, a 3.43 +- acre tract located in Part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of S31, T9N, R11E as proposed by John D. Halvorsen and Cheryl A. Halvorsen. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman opened a public hearing regarding the subdivision plat of PINPOINT Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract located in Part of Lot 9, Replat of Lot 2, Schram Subdivision located in the S ½ of the SE ¼ of the S 10, T8N, R 13E as proposed by Linda Scholting. Dan Thomson, Otoe County Surveyor, stated that this is for an existing business that already has water available. There were no other public comments, and the public hearing was closed. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve the subdivision plat of PINPOINT Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract located in Part of Lot 9, Replat of Lot 2, Schram Subdivision located in the S ½ of the SE ¼ of the S 10, T8N, R 13E as proposed by Linda Scholting. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

KENO fund applications submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 were:

- Keep Nebraska City Beautiful: \$30,000.00; Neb. City East entrance beautification project; represented by Sally Dubois
- Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corp: \$10,000; County-wide housing study; represented by Lisa Walker and Jason Esser

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the KENO fund application submitted by Keep Nebraska City Beautiful in the amount of \$30,000.00. Voting aye were Cole, Parsons, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the KENO fund application submitted by Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corp in the amount of \$10,000.00. Voting aye were Parsons, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney, spoke to the board regarding the restructuring of the juvenile diversion program that had been discussed at a previous meeting. She stated the Crime Commission approved the covering the wage expenses for the coaches, including county share of retirement and Medi/FICA, for employing the coaches part-time that had been employed by P4OC, and computer expenses. The commission grant will not cover the portion of wages that P4OC had been reimbursing the county for, rent for office space, cell phones, and office supplies. P4OC has notified the program that they no longer want to share office space, and a new location has been found at the Nebraska City Center for Children and Families. In total, the restructuring would add monthly rent of approx. \$180/mo., monthly shared expenses of the NCCCF building, \$9600/year of Ms. Sherman's salary, and \$1400/year for cell phones. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve the restructuring of the Juvenile Diversion program as presented. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for liability, workers compensation, and personal property insurance were publicly opened. Just prior to the bids being opened, Tom Farrell, Miller Farrell, stated that there were a couple of coverages not quoted prior to the deadline and the premiums are not included in the bids. Mr. Farrell stated that Travelers Insurance

did not include a bid for the deductible buydown, and EMC did not include a bid for coverage of the courthouse and contents. Mr. Farrell's estimated cost for the deductible buydown policy is \$50,000 and the estimated cost of the courthouse and content coverage is \$40,000.

Bids received were:

Vendor	Bid	Coverage	Additional Coverage to be bid
Jones Group – Bitco	\$121,533.00	Work Comp only	
Traveler's	\$357,758.09	All coverages; County and Ag Society	Deductible Buydown Policy; approx. \$50,000
EMC	\$355,601.09	All coverages; County and Ag Society	Courthouse & Contents; approx. \$40,000
NIRMA	\$224,275.00	All coverages; County only	
NIRMA	\$20,894.00	All coverages; Ag Society only	

The bids will be reviewed, and the determination will be scheduled for the July 15, 2025, meeting.

Gregg Goebel and Commissioner Cole provided information on the Hauge Tower. The tower is the one that is being proposed for donation to the county for a radio communication project. A partial inspection was completed, and the tower has unsatisfactory minor issues that the county will want to be addressed and fixed if taking possession of the tower. Mr. Goebel stated that some of the noted issues were minor and could be handled internally. Through discussion, the board instructed him to gather information on the cost of the other repairs and the communication shed that would be needed.

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 Vice-Chairman Freshman declared this meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 15, 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 1st day of July 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk