

July 15, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. July 15, 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. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, 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. 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 July 15, 2025

ADKINS SIGNS	srv	\$40.00
AMAZON	sup	\$196.74
AMAZON	sup	\$403.43
AMAZON	sup	\$231.34
AMAZON	sup	\$55.54
AMERICAN RECYCLING & SANITATION	srv	\$447.61
ANIMAL HOSPITAL	srv	\$122.00
BOB BARKER CO	sup	\$2,062.12
BOLDT TIRE SUPPLY & SERVICE	srv	\$271.54
BRYAN HEALTH	srv	\$3,977.20
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	srv	\$176.09
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	srv	\$760.18
COLIN CAUDILL, SHERIFF	srv	\$234.46
CENTRAL PLAINS VALUATION	srv	\$6,500.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$238.70
CITY OF SYRACUSE	srv	\$357.88
CODY'S U-SAVE	srv	\$143.19
COLUMN	srv	\$34.41
DOUGLAS TIRE	srv	\$5,631.07
EAKES	sup	\$3,093.68
FAREWAY	sup	\$959.55
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$540.00

FIRST STATE INSURANCE AGENCY	srv	\$21.00
FIRST WIRELESS	srv	\$1,332.40
GOTTULA	srv	\$25,443.18
GUDE MORTUARY	srv	\$600.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	srv	\$2,206.63
BRYAN KREIFELS	srv	\$519.21
LANT HARDWARE	suo	\$441.10
LARSON MOTORS	srv	\$1,000.00
KORY LIND	srv	\$1,660.00
BRAD MEAD	reim	\$35.36
DIANE MERWIN	srv	\$4,092.00
MERZ INK	sup	\$157.66
MEYERS BODY SHOP	srv	\$1,000.00
ANGELA M MINAHAN	srv	\$693.50
MIPS	srv	\$2,361.58
N C UTILITIES	srv	\$6,029.99
NEBRASKA ASSOC OF EMERGENCY MNGT	dues	\$75.00
NEBRASKA CITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN	srv,rent	\$6,001.81
NEBRASKA.GOV	srv	\$8.50
NEMAHA COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$7,985.23
NSVFA	dues	\$60.00
OREILLY	sup	\$216.44
OTOE COUNTY COURT	srv	\$463.00
PAPER TIGER	srv	\$180.00
PAPILLION SANITATION	srv	\$135.56
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	srv	\$521.00
LARRY PICKETT	srv	\$150.00
PINPOINT	srv	\$246.75
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$103.00
SAMS CLUB	sup	\$805.36
SARPY COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$1,772.14
SYRACUSE VETERINARY SERVICE	srv	\$108.09
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	srv	\$342.68
FIBER PLATFORM	srv	\$2,243.95
VERIZON WIRELESS	srv	\$2,684.57
VISA	srv	\$3,969.56
VISA	srv	\$220.77
VISA	srv	\$3,409.22
BILL WALTERS & SON	srv	\$50.00
WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE	sup	\$58.92
JACOB WIRTHELE	reim	\$50.59
ACE IRRIGATION DBA ACE/EATON METALS	sup	\$38,611.38
ALL STAR GLASS OF LINCOLN LLC	srv	\$275.00
ANTES FAMILY HARDWARE	sup	\$245.03
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	srv	\$22.82
BRIAN BRILEY	reim	\$15.00
CONSO RURAL WATER DIST #1	srv	\$134.00

JEFF GRAY	reim	\$36.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	sup	\$951.49
KEIM FARM EQUIPMENT	sup	\$717.80
SHAUN LEMPKA	reim	\$31.00
MARTIN-MARIETTA	srv	\$159,522.35
MATHESON TRI-GAS	sup	\$74.95
MEESKE ACE HARDWARE	sup	\$85.82
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	sup	\$960.00
MILLER SEED COMPANY	sup	\$1,800.00
NEBRASKA CITY NEWS PRESS	srv	\$83.50
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	srv	\$31,409.75
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	tax	\$3,179.00
NEW REBUY	sup	\$600.00
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	srv	\$133.00
OPPD	srv	\$30.38
RDO TRUCK CENTERS	sup	\$1,065.98
RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3	srv	\$33.00
SCHLEGEL AUTOMOTIVE	srv	\$752.53
SYRACUSE LUMBER CO	sup	\$45.00
SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY	sup	\$650.86
TIFCO INDUSTRIES	sup	\$211.38
TRI-STATE RENTALS	srv	\$85.00
VERIZON	srv	\$1,012.75
VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS	srv	\$72.40
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	srv	\$26.00
VISA	srv	\$558.23
WHETROCK	srv	\$37,297.90
YANT EQUIPMENT	srv	\$23,743.40
HERBST CONSTRUCTION	srv	\$41,023.05
COLIN CAUDILL	reim	\$41.73
TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	srv	\$215.00
RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING	sup	\$179.99
SHIPLEY FLOORING	srv	\$9,922.98
WEATHERCRAFT CO OF LINCOLN	srv	\$62,420.00
NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	tax	\$9,140.00
NEBRASKA CITY AREA ECONOMIC	cont	\$10,000.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC	srv	\$13.57
WINDSTREAM	srv	\$1,142.68
WINDSTREAM	srv	\$412.00
CB PLUMBING SERVICES	srv	\$500.00
TERRACON	srv	\$6,267.20
Regular Claims Total		\$551,684.33
Payroll Claims Total		\$334,711.81
Grand Total		\$886,396.14

Parsons 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.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$228,421.16 for the month of June 2025. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the quarterly report from the County Sheriff denoting the amount of certain fees collected, from whom and for what service. The total amount received in the second quarter of the year was \$12,594.56.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending June 30, 2025, of the petty cash accounts held by Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Ruth Ann Weddle, Register of Deeds; Colin Caudill, Sheriff; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Dana Ritchheart, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Tom Farrell and Larry Pelan were present to discuss liability, property, and workers compensation insurance options with the board. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to award the annual insurance bid to NIRMA in the amount of \$224,275 and approve a three-year membership. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to designate the State Print Shop to facilitate the printing and mailing of the Joint Public Hearing postcards for 2025. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve an agreement between Otoe County and Region V Systems for EPC Services for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The total fee will be \$214 per day with Mental Health Crisis Center receiving \$208 and Region V receiving \$8 for administrative fees. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve canceling check #25060240 payable to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Public Policy Center in the amount of \$6,000.00. The check was issued as a duplicate payment in error. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve an interlocal agreement between Otoe County and the City of Nebraska City for IT Services. The flat monthly fee is \$20 per managed asset for ongoing basic support services. Additional services or special projects will be billed hourly at \$75/hour or per a mutually agreed upon project cost. The agreement is effective for one year and will begin on August 1, 2025. The agreement is renewable.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve submitting a letter to Senator Fischer, Senator Ricketts, Congressman Smith, Governor Pillen, and Senator Hallstrom regarding the loss of BEAD eligible locations throughout Nebraska. The qualifications for BEAD funding have changed and have resulted in Nebraska losing eligible locations for broadband services. A letter will be drafted and sent. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for hauling aggregate were publicly opened on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. County Commissioner Rick Freshman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, and Road Department Lead Supervisor Brian Briley were present to represent the county. The following bids were received:

Hauling Aggregate Bid Tab 24-month term (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027) Bid opening: July 11, 2025 10:00 a.m.			
	Wessels Trucking	Westover Rock & Sand Inc.	D&H Contracting, LLC
Hauling Aggregate for surfacing (truck only <20 tons)	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.00 min	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.50 min	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.25 min
Hauling Aggregate for surfacing (truck & pup >= tons)	\$.18 per loaded mile \$3.50 min	\$.20 per loaded mile \$4.00 min	\$.19 per loaded mile; \$4.00 min
Hauling Rip Rap (Various Sizes)/ ton	\$.25 per loaded mile; \$4.50 min	\$.25 per loaded mile \$5.75 min	\$.25 per loaded mile \$4.75 min
Point of Aggregate Origin (Weeping Water area quarries, Plattsmouth gravel pits, Springfield, and Gretna area gravel pits)	From any of the quarries or pits	Weeping Water area quarries	Weeping Water, Plattsmouth, Springfield, Gretna

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to award bids for hauling aggregate to Wessels Trucking, Westover, and D & H Contracting. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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 9:11 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 29, 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 15th day of July 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk