

July 29, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. July 29, 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 Crownover, 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.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, 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, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Claims Approved July 29, 2025

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$135.18
HOWARD BEBOUT	srv,mileage	\$33.80
BENEFIEL TRUCK REPAIR & TOWING	srv	\$257.58
BLUE RIVERS AREA AGENCY ON AGING	cont	\$6,964.38
BOHL PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.	srv	\$9,423.00
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	srv	\$1,512.80
DOUG DELHAY	srv,mileage	\$35.20
EMERGENCY SERVICES MARKETING CORP	srrrv	\$2,995.00
FIREGUARD INC	srv	\$1,547.15
MATTHEW FRANKEN	srv	\$400.00
GALLS LLC	sup	\$1,215.07
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$181.59
GUDE MORTUARY	srv	\$300.00
HENRY MOTORS SOUTH INC	srv	\$1,127.78
DANIEL HODGES	srv,mileage	\$47.80
MADSEN ELECTRIC LLC	srv	\$1,087.45
CHAD MILLER	reim	\$1,021.21
ANGELA M MINAHAN DBA REINSCH,	srv	\$385.00
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	srv	\$8,675.50
NE DEPT OF LABOR	srv	\$5,211.00
NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	srv	\$90.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	srv	\$432.00
NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH	srv	\$105.00

CHAD NEUBAUER	srv,mileage	\$21.20
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC	srv	\$6,100.00
PROFESSIONAL TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	srv	\$80.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	srv	\$2,000.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	srv	\$1,154.04
REGION V SYSTEMS	srv	\$12,279.00
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$222.00
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	srv	\$8,528.28
STEPHANIE SHRADER	srv,mileage	\$35.20
SYRACUSE LUMBER CO	sup	\$32.48
DANIEL THOMSON	mileage	\$177.80
VERIZON	srv	\$31.90
BILL WALTERS & SON SHOP, INC	srv	\$725.39
RICHARD WARNER	srv,mileage	\$48.50
CHERI WIRTHELE	srv,mileage	\$42.20
NMMKS SECURITIES LLC DBA A-1 LOCKSM	srv	\$270.00
MATTHEW BEEDE	refund	\$50.00
BIG RED DRAINAGE PIPE SUPPLY INC	sup	\$153.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	srv	\$46.91
BRIAN BRILEY	reim	\$14.99
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$183.00
LANT HARDWARE	sup	\$42.97
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	srv	\$16,564.30
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	sup	\$450.00
MIDWEST UNLIMITED	sup	\$74.95
MILLER SEED COMPANY	sup	\$3,670.00
MULLENAX AUTO SUPPLY	sup	\$8.28
SOUTHEAST WEED MANAGEMENT ASSOC	dues	\$250.00
VILLAGE OF OTOE	srv	\$22.50
HERBST CONSTRUCTION, INC.	srv	\$45,770.91
OTOE COUNTY TITLE CO.	cap outlay	\$46,173.50
FOG Data Science LLC	srv	\$4,500.00
KEEP NEBRASKA CITY BEAUTIFUL	cont	\$30,000.00
OTOE COUNTY TREASURER	reim	\$6,000.00
Regular Claims Total \$228,906.79		
Payroll Claims Total \$259,259.85		
Grand Total \$448,166.64		

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

Sornson opened a public hearing regarding the subdivision plat of Finquest Holdings, LLC, a 5.24 +- acre tract located in Part of Tract 8-A in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ and part of the SW ¼ and part of the SE ¼ of S8, T8N, R13E as proposed by Kevin K. Knorr, Manager of Finquest Holdings, LLC and Kevin K. Knorr and Lori S. Knorr. The site is located at 5123 I Road. Mrs. Knorr stated that the subdivision is to divide out the existing business property from the homesite acres. There were no other public comments, and the public hearing was closed. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the subdivision plat of Finquest Holdings, LLC, a 5.24 +- acre tract located in Part of Tract 8-A in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ and part of the SW ¼ and part of the SE ¼ of S8, T8N, R13E as proposed by Kevin K. Knorr, Manager of Finquest Holdings, LLC and Kevin K. Knorr and Lori S. Knorr. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of a report as submitted by the County Sheriff for distress warrants collected and the amount remaining outstanding. The total paid amount is \$36,039.19 and the unpaid amount is \$5,509.95.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve an agreement between Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Otoe County for access to the Electronic Registration System – ERS II program for completing marriage data and authorizing the County Clerk to sign the contract electronically. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve opting in to the Purdue Pharma L.P. and Sackler Family Opioid Settlement and authorizing the Chairman and/or the County Clerk to electronically sign. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Elaine Menzel, NACO Counsel, presented NACO updates and event information to the board.

Matt Kasik, Apace Director, and Patrick Kreifels, Region V Systems Regional Administrator, provided annual reports.

Jillian Garcia, Project Response, provided a quarterly report.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt the resolutions 7-15-25-10 and 7-15-25-11 from the meeting held July 15, 2025, where the Otoe County Board of Commissioners voted to become members of NIRMA and to join with other Nebraska Public Agencies participating in a Risk Management Pool and a Worker's Compensation Risk Management Pool. The resolution numbers were not presented at the previous meeting. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve a lease agreement with Nebraska City Center for Children and Families (NCCCF) for office space for the Juvenile Diversion Program. The estimated monthly cost with rent and expenses is \$300.00. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation, and Otoe County, for the ALPR System. The agreement is for the installation and operation of an automated license plate reading system along Nebraska State Highways. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution #7-29-25-12, authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement between the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation and Otoe County, for the ALPR System. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to appoint Sornson and Cole to a Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 25-26. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

A road vacation study for Giles Road, approximately 1733' West of N 10th Road was presented and reviewed. Brian Briley, Road Lead Foreman, stated that there were no conflicts found with vacating the old right-of-way. Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Otoe County Attorney, Briley, and the Board had discussion of easements and access to properties. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to set a public hearing for vacating Giles Road, approximately 1733' West of N 10th Road for September 9, 2025. The public hearing will take place during the regularly scheduled Commissioners' meeting. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

There was no public comment.

Chairman Sornson announced that board members will visit the county jail facility upon adjournment per State Statute 47-109.

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 August 12, 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 29th day of July 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk