

August 26, 2025

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. August 26, 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 August 26, 2025

ALL COPY PRODUCTS, INC	srv	\$208.27
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$385.19
ANTES FAMILY HARDWARE	sup	\$32.46
PAM BENNETT	srv	\$100.00
BOLDT TIRE SUPPLY & SERVICE LLC	srv	\$25.00
BRAVEBE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	srv	\$2,365.00
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	srv	\$75.30
COLIN CAUDILL, SHERIFF	reim	\$10.00
CB PLUMBING SERVICES	srv	\$325.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$238.70
CODY'S U-SAVE PHARMACY #583	srv	\$209.52
CONTROL SERVICES INC	srv	\$526.50
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	srv	\$668.00
DELL MARKETING LP	sup	\$1,243.18
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$389.36
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	sup	\$443.07
TRACY ENSOR	reim	\$38.34
FIREGUARD INC	srv	\$871.67
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$750.00
FIRST WIRELESS INC	srv	\$774.00
JERE GRAVATT	srv	\$100.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$199.95

DYLAN L. HANDLEY	srv	\$600.00
HENRY MOTORS SOUTH INC	srv	\$2,299.91
JP ELECTRIC INC	srv	\$1,061.92
LARSON MOTORS INC	srv	\$93.50
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	srv	\$1,588.47
MARY MELLAGE	srv	\$100.00
ANGELA M MINAHAN DBA REINSCH, MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION	srv	\$726.00
PROGRAMMING	srv	\$178.63
N C UTILITIES	srv	\$30.00
NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	srv	\$142.00
NIRMA	srv	\$213,824.00
ANGELA PARSONS	srv	\$300.00
PARTNERS FOR OTOE COUNTY	reg	\$750.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY PC PHYSICIANS LABORATORY	srv	\$11,090.00
SERVICES INC	srv	\$325.00
POSTMASTER	sup	\$390.00
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	srv	\$2,000.00
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$36.00
RIVER CITY RECYCLING, INC	srv	\$46,474.40
SYRACUSE MARKET LLC	sup	\$15.96
TRI-STATE PUMPING LLC	srv	\$1,450.00
UKG INC	srv	\$1,442.86
FIBER PLATFORM LLC	srv	\$1,878.72
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	reg	\$115.00
VERIZON	srv	\$1,044.65
VERIZON WIRELESS	srv	\$2,656.41
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	reim	\$1,048.00
BILL WALTERS & SON SHOP, INC	srv	\$25.51
ALLIED OIL & TIRE COMPANY	srv	\$572.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	srv	\$49.26
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	srv	\$494.76
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	srv	\$5,969.63
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	sup	\$720.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	sup	\$720.99
LANGFELDT OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY	srv	\$196.65
JEREMY L MILLER	reim	\$51.00
MURPHY TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT CO.INC	srv	\$2,640.34
NAPA AUTO	sup	\$205.39
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	srv	\$83.00
POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC	srv	\$3,336.10
TIFCO INDUSTRIES	sup	\$226.94
VILLAGE OF OTOE	srv	\$22.50
APMS, INC	srv	\$5,200.00
DUNBAR DICE	cont	\$1,100.00
MALY MARKETING	srv	\$300.00
NEB CITY TOURISM & COMMERCE	cont	\$30,000.00

RENEGADE OUTLAWS	cont	\$1,000.00
SYRACUSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	cont	\$10,740.00
WKB LLC	srv	\$2,000.00
NEAL TRANTHAM	reim	\$772.10
LEADSONLINE LLC	srv	\$950.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC	srv	\$7.08
NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY	reim	\$702.33
Regular Claims Total \$369,726.02		
Payroll Claims Total \$333,245.14		
Grand Total \$702,971.16		

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

John Mabry and Amanda Fahrer of Lincon Food Bank presented information on the services provided by the food bank.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the 2025 inventory statements. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of an itemized report from the Otoe County Treasurer of the amount of personal property taxes that remain uncollected after distress warrants were issued in November 2024. The total unpaid amount is \$5,509.95.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #8-26-25-13 to approve tax levy allocations to political subdivisions. These allocations are for the political subdivisions that the county is required to allocate a levy: hospital, ag society, rural fire districts. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #8-26-25-15 to authorize creating the Reappraisal Fund (1100) for the County Budget effective FY25-26. There are currently funds set aside for commercial appraisals in the 950 Sinking Fund, which is an equipment sinking fund and the appraisal funds should be in a fund such as the Reappraisal Fund. The funds currently in the 950 Sinking Fund for the Assessor will be transferred to the 1100 Reappraisal Fund. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution #8-26-25-14 to authorize creating the County Sinking Fund (2750) for the County Budget effective FY25-26. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Motion carried.

Al Haug, Haug Communications Inc., spoke to the board regarding the tower being donated for the statewide radio project and the land lease agreement with Leonard and Melvin Kreifels. The land lease agreement is currently between Haug Communications, Inc., Leonard Kreifels, and Melvin Kreifels. Haug Communications, Inc. is planning to donate the tower to Otoe County, but the land the tower is on is leased. Mr. Haug stated that the current lease is for twenty years and has approximately 11 years left. The lease agreement is transferable. There was no action taken on the lease agreement as the board asked the County Attorney to review the agreement. The approval of transferring the lease to Otoe County will be placed on the September 9, 2025, agenda. The next annual payment is due on Sept. 1, 2025. Mr. Haug, or a commissioner, will communicate with Leonard and Melvin Kreifels regarding the pending approval of the transfer of the lease.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve opting in to the new National Opioids Secondary Manufacturers Settlements and authorizing the Chairman to electronically sign. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was a review of the FY25-26 Budget. The levy will decrease slightly, and the county will be required to participate in the Joint Public Hearing.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #8-26-25-16 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2025. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

During the public comment section, Tom Grooman provided his opinion of Otoe County having the best Veteran Service Officer in the State of Nebraska and recommended the increase of his to whatever amount the Veteran Service Officer requested.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to enter closed executive session. Chairman Sornson stated that the reason for the closed session was to discuss the Veteran Service Officer's salary increase. He informed the public that no action would take place during closed session, and that following the closed session, the meeting would be adjourned. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried. Closed session entered at 9:11 a.m. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to reconvene in regular session. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried. Regular session re-entered at 9:51 a.m.

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 9:52 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 9, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk