



Otoe County Board Minutes



February 9, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 9, 2021, 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 Thurman and Commissioner Crownover. Absent – none.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman 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, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson and Freshman. Commissioner Sornson abstained from claims payable to Johnny's Cycle. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$17,254.43 for the month of January 2021. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve Resolution 1-26-21-2 to adopt the Nemaha Natural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve the proposed by-law amendment for the Otoe County Visitors Committee. The proposed amendment would change Article IV, Section 2 which currently states the Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members with three members being from the hotel industry and members must reside in Otoe



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County. The amendment removes the residential requirement and lowers the required number of members from the hotel industry from three to two, but not more than three. Being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, to approve the Otoe County Visitors Committee (OCVC) application submitted by Austin Mackrill. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

A KENO Social Investment grant application was submitted for Syracuse Rebels Youth Tackle Football. Travis Walters, representing the group, spoke to the board. After discussion, it was agreed that more information was needed for the funding request. The board requested that Mr. Walters submit information for the start up cost of the program; including but not limited to insurance price, equipment cost, etc. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, to table the application until the February 23, 2021 Commissioners' meeting. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: Project (431) Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915(1) - Contractor has poured the floors and walls on the south box culvert. Both crews have been pushing snow.

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 9:06 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 23, 2021.

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 9th day of February 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk