



# Otoe County Board Minutes



March 9, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 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 Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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 Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner 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, 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. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

The agenda item for approving City National Bank as a county depository was tabled.

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 \$104,213.70 for the month of February 2021. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, to approve the presented routes for the Radler Bike Festival. Krystal Knabe, was present and stated that the bike festival is held over two days and will have two different routes. The routes have been previously reviewed by local law enforcement and the County Highway Superintendent. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to amend the KENO Funds Policy and Social Investment Grant Application. The amendment adds a permissible use to of



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funds to provide one time start up funds for new youth programs that include sports teams or other youth activities that participate in Otoe County. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Two parcels were omitted in error from the Certificate of Tax Sale report in October 2020. These parcels qualify for foreclosure proceedings. County Attorney, Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, stated that Resolution 10-27-20-40 would cover these properties also. The resolution authorizes the County Attorney to institute foreclosure of lien on Certificates of Tax Sale. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the tax sale foreclosures. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of the 2021 Return of Tax Sale Proceedings report submitted by the County Treasurer

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, to approve changing the frequency of the Commissioners' meetings to every two weeks. Currently the commissioners meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The updated schedule would be to meet every two weeks. The date to begin the new schedule and a resolution will be presented for approval at a future meeting. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion moved.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson, to approve Mainelli Wagner's proposed cost for 2021 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspections. The proposed amount is \$28,840.00 for 14 fracture critical structures. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: Project (431): Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915 (1) – Contractor is working on the south box culvert. The West end crew removed trees at I & 12 North and burned brush at H & 22. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

At 8:55, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to enter in executive session to discuss property acquisition and current rental agreements. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried. Present for the executive session were: Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, County Attorney Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Sheriff Colin Caudill, IT Manager Joe Chaney and IT Coordinator Becky Sturm. At 9:42 a.m., Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to resume regular session. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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 9:43 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 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 March 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk