



Otoe County Board Minutes



April 13, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 13, 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 and Commissioner Crownover. Absent – Commissioner Thurman.

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. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. 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. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Gregg Goebel, Otoe County Emergency Management Director, was present to acknowledge participants in the NEMA Severe Weather Awareness Week poster contest. He stated that this was the first year that Otoe County has had participants since he has been with EMA. There were six students total – three from Lourdes Central Catholic in Nebraska City and three from Skyview Learning Academy in Douglas. Students from Lourdes Central Catholic present to receive recognition were: Nick Kearney, Maggie Falcone, and Blake Meyer. EMA will recognize the students from Skyview Academy at a future presentation.

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 \$29,222.53 for the month of March 2021. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-117 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 first quarter of the year was \$12,182.36.



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Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending December 31, 2020, of the petty cash accounts held by Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Teresa Johnson, Child Support Officer; Ruth Ann Weddle, Register of Deeds; Colin Caudill, Sheriff; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Cindy Cich, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.

The discussion of approving a contract with Vanguard Appraisal, Inc. was tabled to the April 27, 2021 Commissioners' meeting.

There was discussion of updating the vacation time and accrual policy to match the road department union contract. The proposed update includes 5 weeks of vacation for 25+ years of employment and allowing for 60 hours of vacation to be carried over from the previous year. This will be placed on a future agenda for action.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crownover, to cancel check #20110217 in the amount of \$100.00. The check was not received by the vendor. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Crownover and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to cancel check #20120031 in the amount of \$44.65. The check was issued twice in error. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman presented the road report for Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman: Project (431): Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915 (1) – G Road is now closed and bridge removal will be starting soon. The construction crews have been ditching at Q & 14 North, removing trees at G & 60 North, and removing and hauling rip rap from G & 60 North. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

Chairman Sornson stated that the scheduled jail visit is being postponed to a future meeting.

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 8:51 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 27, 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 13th day of April 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk