



# Otoe County Board Minutes



April 27, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:45 a.m. on April 27, 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. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, 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, Thurman, 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 Crownover to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman with Commissioner Parsons abstaining from a personal claim. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Susan Keholm, SENCA Development Director, Debbie Green, CASA Coordinator, and Patrice Groves, Family Development Specialist, presented the annual SENCA report. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve a proclamation to proclaim May as Community Action Month. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Christi Smallfoot, County Assessor, presented a contract to the Board for the purchase and implementation of new appraisal software for the Assessor's office. She stated that the current software was implemented in 1995-1996 and is outdated and the county is paying \$18,000 annually. The new contract, Vanguard, would provide updated software, support, and appraisal assistance; the annual fee would be approximately \$22,000 for the first five years. After that, the annual cost will reduce. Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve and sign the contract with Vanguard. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Commissioner Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a preliminary plat of Golden View Subdivision, a four-lot subdivision containing 40 acres located in the NE ¼ of S22, T8N, R9E, Otoe County, NE, as requested by Dan Nelson; site is located at South 8<sup>th</sup> Road and Jackson Stone Lane. Dave Schmitz, Otoe County Zoning/Surveyor stated that the well test results were good, and the subdivision received unanimous approval from the planning commission. Commissioner Crownover made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the subdivision plat of Golden View Subdivision as presented. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Nebraska City Utilities for applying wastewater sludge to properties in Otoe County. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the conditional use permit to Nebraska City Utilities for applying sludge. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Amy Allgood and Tammy Partsch, representing NCTC, spoke to the board regarding the Social Investment Grant Application submitted by NCTC. The application is requesting \$9,000 for a new event, Treestock. The Treestock Musical Festival will be a community event with live music. In addition to music, there will be a beer garden and outdoor games. The total cost of the event is estimated at \$18,000 with Otoe County Visitors Committee providing \$9,000 funding. The expenses include, professional sound and lighting, entertainment and marketing. The date is set for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the application request of \$9,000. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sornson presented the road report for Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman: Project (431): Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915 (1) Bridge has been removed and working on box culvert; dirt hauling for roadway. The construction crews have been removed trees at C & 190<sup>th</sup> South; removed brush pile at F & 60 S; backfilled washed out culvert at J & 50 E; dirt work and ditching at F & 22; and cold patching on the West end of Business 75. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

Chairman Sornson announced that all 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 9:28 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 11, 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 27th day of April 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk