



# Otoe County Board Minutes



May 11, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 11, 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. 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. 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 Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Crownover to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. 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 \$125,706.56 for the month of April 2021. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021-2022 Blue Cross/Blue Shield Sub-Group application. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the 2020 Noxious Weed report received from Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Otoe County received a score of 3080 out of a possible 3400. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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There were public representatives present at the meeting to show support of Otoe County becoming a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary County. Those speaking in favor were Bill Aultz, Rod Edwards, Dale McGill, and Jennifer Hicks. Jennifer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney, read the resolution that was being proposed for the Board's approval. After discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a motion and vote. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve and sign resolution 5-11-21-9. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson called the meeting into recess at 9:00a.m. and re-entered session at 9:05a.m.

Chairman Crownover made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve a Social Economic Keno Grant submitted by Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging in the amount of \$7,500.00. The contribution would cover the local 10% needed to purchase a new van for public transportation in Syracuse, NE. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to submit a letter or support to SENDD for a grant application. 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 doing dirt work and replaced a culvert at C & 190<sup>th</sup> South; repaired a low water crossing @ 14 & S East; repaired road at K 7 48 East. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

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 9:10 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 25, 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 11th day of May, 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk