



Otoe County Board Minutes



July 20, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on July 20, 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 Vice-Chairman Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Thurman and Commissioner Crownover. Absent – Commissioner Sornson.

Commissioner Freshman 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.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Commissioner Freshman acknowledged the receipt of collected/uncollected distress warrants report provided by Sheriff Caudill.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Based Juvenile Services grant award and special conditions. The grant amount for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, is \$51,004.00. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with CEDARS Youth Services to provide Family Support Services. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with CEDARS Youth Services to provide attendance advocate and truancy tracking services. Voting aye were Thurman, Crownover, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Thurman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Partners for Otoe County to provide youth coaching services. Voting aye were Crownover, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with The Resolution Center to facilitate truancy youth conferencing among school and diversion. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Thurman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to appoint Doug Delhay as a board member to the Otoe County Planning Commission. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve the subdivision plat of Masters 2nd Subdivision, a 8.60+- acre tract located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of S 12, T 7N, R 10E, of the 6th P.M., Otoe County. David Schmitz, County Surveyor, stated that the tract met setbacks, and has rural water. A neighbor had expressed concern about conflicts with his property, but Mr. Schmitz said it would not unless a hog farm was placed on the property. Planning commission was in favor of approval. Voting aye were Thurman, Crownover, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

A public hearing scheduled for a conditional use permit to Janet Armbrust and James and Brandy Welch was tabled until further notice due to architect drawings not being ready.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve Resolution 7-20-21-14 authorizing the road classification change from minimum maintenance to local road. Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, stated that the first 5 on the list have had county improvements and the other 7 were incorrect on the state classification map. Voting aye were Crownover, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve Resolution 7-20-21-15 authorizing Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, to sign an agreement for a project at King and 10 South. The agreement is between owners of property located in S 25, T 8N, R 9E and desire to build homes on the property. A section of the road used by the owners is a minimum maintenance road and 1800' of the road needs to be improved to meet the requirements of a local road to obtain a building permit. The agreement describes the road as: North 1800' of Road 10, between L & King Roads, between S 25 & 26, T 8N, R 9E. The agreement states that the construction and improvements to meet local road standards will be completed by Otoe County Roads Department and the owners of the property are willing to pay Otoe County for the necessary work. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent presented the road report: Project (507): Nebraska City Southeast: The contractor had contacted the county and would like to start within the next 2 weeks. The original start date was 9-27-21; Project (431): Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915 (1): the road is open, working with contractor to return to place riprap at north box culver and repair Storm Water Prevention Plan. The construction set culverts in channel and installed wing walls for Project (614) CBMP: replaced a rusted out culvert at # & 46 East; removed beaver dams at K & 36 East and P & 66 East; removed debris and brush pile from under bridge at B & 42 East; cleaned out west ditch at B & 42 South; cleaned out east ditch at I & 52 North. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.



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Commissioner Freshman stated that the Zoom platform would no longer be used for the Commissioner meetings after today's meeting and will continue to be held in person. The meetings have been available through Zoom as a courtesy/convenience. A virtual platform could be resumed in the future if circumstances arise.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Vice-Chairman Freshman declared this meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 3, 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 20th day of July 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk