

May 19, 2026

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 19, 2026, 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 Syracuse City Hall, Morton James Public Library, and the Otoe County 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 Parsons, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Freshman was absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted near the door of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

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

Approved May 19, 2026

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF	srv	\$19.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$47.76
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$1,285.32
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	sup	\$214.48
LARRY D ANDERSON DBA ANDERSON TREE	srv	\$850.00
JENNIFER BASSINGER	reim	\$29.21
BENEFIEL TRUCK REPAIR & TOWING	srv	\$390.00
BOB BARKER CO INC	sup	\$1,013.56
BOLDT TIRE SUPPLY & SERVICE LLC	srv	\$114.92
BROWN GLASS CO INC	srv	\$26.00
CASEYS BUSINESS MASTERCARD	srv	\$882.39
COLIN CAUDILL, SHERIFF	srv	\$298.09
COLIN CAUDILL, SHERIFF	srv	\$31.20
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$252.66
CHERRYROAD MEDIA INC	srv	\$35.00
CITY OF SYRACUSE	srv	\$301.94
CODY'S U-SAVE PHARMACY #583	srv	\$119.49
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	srv	\$32.04
CPW LAW % JENNY L. PLAGER	srv	\$889.47
DELL MARKETING LP	srv	\$1,793.19
DOUGLAS TIRE INC	srv	\$2,955.95
ELECTION WORKERS	srv	\$14,495.05
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	srv	\$133.80
FANKHAUSER,NELSEN,WERTS & ZISKEY	srv.rent	\$6,700.00
FAREWAY STORES INC	sup	\$1,258.41
FIBER PLATFORM LLC	srv	\$1,258.06
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$957.00
FIRST CONCORD	srv	\$27,831.19
FIRST WIRELESS INC	srv	\$772.00
GLOBAL SOFTWARE	srv	\$1,466.40
GOTTULA PROPANE SERVICE, INC.	srv	\$75,555.71

GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	srv	\$199.95
AMBER HASKINS	srv	\$45.00
SETH W HAWKINS	reim	\$322.18
HENRY MOTORS SOUTH INC	srv	\$415.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	srv	\$2,206.63
JOHNSON LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING, LLC	srv	\$360.00
LANT HARDWARE	sup	\$432.97
LARSON MOTORS INC	srv	\$547.99
KORY LIND	srv	\$1,875.00
MADSEN ELECTRIC LLC	srv	\$96.96
MAXIMUS INC	srv	\$2,600.00
DIANE MERWIN DBA FANKHAUSER, NELSEN	srv	\$4,375.00
MILLER FAMILY DENTISTRY	srv	\$75.00
MILLETTE ADMINISTRATORS, INC	srv	\$3,875.05
ANGELA M MINAHAN DBA REINSCH, MIPS INC.	srv	\$2,788.50
N C UTILITIES	srv	\$2,766.40
NE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	srv	\$5,551.45
NEBRASKA CITY AREA ECONOMIC	cont	\$90.00
NEBRASKA CITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN	srv,rent	\$12,500.00
NEBRASKA CITY NEWS PRESS	srv	\$6,864.58
NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY	dues	\$83.50
OPTIMAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT	srv	\$3,000.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	sup	\$2,857.50
OTOE COUNTY COURT	srv	\$251.77
OTOE COUNTY MUSEUM OF MEMORIES	reim	\$501.00
PAPER TIGER	srv	\$2,061.94
ANGELA PARSONS	srv	\$198.00
SONDRA W PETERSEN, RMR,CRP,CSR	srv	\$300.00
PROFESSIONAL TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	srv	\$479.10
JANIS A. RIEGE	reim	\$85.00
JANIS A RIEGE, CLERK OF D.C.	srv	\$12.90
SAMS CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	sup	\$108.00
SARPY COUNTY TREASURER	srv	\$807.79
SOARIN GROUP LLC	srv	\$1,355.69
SYRACUSE JOURNAL DEMOCRAT	srv	\$1,140.00
THOMSON SURVEYING, LLC	srv,mileage	\$71.50
DANIEL THOMSON	mileage	\$3,119.18
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	srv	\$36.25
UNITED LABORATORIES, INC.	sup	\$342.68
VERIZON WIRELESS	srv	\$1,032.00
VISA	srv	\$2,820.99
VISA	srv	\$1,319.90
VISA	srv	\$5,341.28
VISA	srv	\$721.04
VISA	srv	\$1,857.28
WESTLAKE ACE HARDWARE INC	srv	\$51.36

SARAH G WILTSE	reim	\$81.93
ACE IRRIGATION DBA ACE/EATON METALS	srv	\$36,296.60
ANTES FAMILY HARDWARE	sup	\$476.49
CONSOLIDATED RURAL WATER DIST #1	srv	\$125.50
ECHO ELECTRIC	srv	\$378.50
HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO	srv	\$624.39
J & A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	sup	\$353.70
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	sup	\$1,160.67
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOCIATES INC	srv	\$33,639.78
MEESKE ACE HARDWARE	sup	\$239.14
MILLER SEED COMPANY	sup	\$2,239.50
NAPA AUTO	sup	\$290.04
NEBRASKA MACHINERY COMPANY	sup	\$847.74
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	srv	\$83.00
PAPILLION SANITATION	srv	\$87.30
POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC	srv	\$3,945.30
RDO TRUCK CENTERS LLC	sup	\$1,087.82
RURAL WATER DISTRICT #3	srv	\$36.00
SYRACUSE MOTOR SUPPLY, INC	sup	\$96.79
TIFCO INDUSTRIES	sup	\$252.32
T W ENTERPRISES INC	srv	\$45.00
VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS	srv	\$70.80
VILLAGE OF PALMYRA	srv	\$26.00
VISA	srv	\$2,026.54
VRB EXCHANGE, LLC	cap outlay	\$8,000.00
WHETROCK INC	srv	\$88,356.63
YANT EQUIPMENT INC	sup	\$401.00
VOGT ENTERPRISES, INC	srv	\$159,094.76
GWORKS	srv	\$3,253.00
CELLEBRITE INC	srv	\$12,400.00
TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE	srv	\$215.00
KEEP NEBRASKA CITY BEAUTIFUL	cont	\$6,710.26
THE MAYHEW CABIN & HIST. VILL.FOUND	cont	\$1,524.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC	srv	\$49.34
WINDSTREAM	srv	\$1,142.68
QUALITY HOME SOLUTIONS LLC	srv	\$2,100.00
RANDALL WOODS	srv	\$8,809.00
Regular Claims Total		\$596,519.97
Payroll Claims Total		\$345,878.22
Grand Total		\$942,398.18

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the issuance of a conditional use permit application submitted by City of Omaha to apply bio-solids to properties in Otoe County. Speaking from the public were: Andy Neels, Andy Burr, Victoria Watkins, Patrick Gress, Mayrene Thummel, and Ann Boellstorff. Also speaking was Wayne Beal representing the City of Omaha. There were discussions and concerns about chemicals, location, application, odor, regulations, well locations, etc. It was suggested that the application be tabled until sites are determined and have neighbor approval. The new application will be presented to the Board of Commissioners during the June 16, 2026, meeting. Following discussion, the public hearing was

closed. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons to table the conditional use permit application submitted by City of Omaha. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing regarding zoning regulations relating to data centers and /or the need to issue a moratorium on applications for conditional use and/or building permits relating to data centers. Speaking from the public were: Wynnee Benedict, Mayrene Thummel, Jane Dose, Victoria Watkins, Joann Martens, Jim Nemec, Ted Vasko, Jeff Parker, Ann Boellstorff, and Dale Wurtele. Concerns brought up were, noise, pollution, water/power usage, saving ag land, etc. Following discussion, the public hearing was closed.

Sornson stated that the county zoning regulations were needing to be reviewed and updated. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to create a zoning review committee to review and update current regulations and to prepare a report for the Commissioners. The committee would include: County representatives Jerad Sornson, Chuck Cole, Dan Thomson, and Jenniffer Panko-Rahe and Planning Board representatives Dan Hodges, Howard Bebout, and Cheri Wirthele. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Parsons. Nay – none.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to enter a moratorium on building and conditional use permits regarding data centers for up to one year. The zoning review committee will update the zoning regulations to establish regulations, and the moratorium may be lifted earlier if regulations are updated and approved. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution 5-19-26-4 to decrease the Sheriff's petty cash amount. The resolution authorizes the petty cash amount to be decreased from \$1000.00 to \$500.00. Voting aye were Sornson, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion of the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution 5-19-26-5 approving the Nemaha NRD Hazard Mitigation Plan. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to authorize the County Clerk to sign and submit the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Subgroup application. The application is for the 2026-2027 plan year. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to authorize the use of County Keno funds to be used to hold a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup event. One was provided by Keep Nebraska City Beautiful on May 16, 2026. The event was to last 3 hours and the allotted truck space was filled within an hour. The board recognizes the need for another event and has asked Gregg Goebel, EMA Director, to find a vendor and set up another event. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Brian Briley, Highway Supervisor, presented a road report.

There was no public comment.

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 9:52 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 2, 2026.

I, Jenny 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 19th day of May 2026.

Jenny Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk