

October 25, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:31 a.m. on October 25, 2022, 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. Commissioner Thurman was absent.

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.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of the M & M Commercial Park Subdivision Final Plat, a 14-lot subdivision containing 54.385 +- acres located in the North ½ of the NW ¼ of S 22, T 9N, R 9E, of the 6th P.M. Otoe County, Nebraska, as requested by Roland L. Meyer. Site is located 630 feet south of Highway #2 on North 4th Road. David Schmitz, County Surveyor, stated that the well report was not received, and the plat would need to be tabled. Chairman Sornson tabled the subdivision plat.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Schomerus-Vogt Subdivision, a 6.00+- acre tract of land located in the West ½ of the SE ¼ of S 14, T 8N, R 11E, of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska, as requested by Wayne L. Schomerus and Kathleen A. Schomerus. Site is located just east of 3313 J Road. Mr. Schmitz said a new home would be built and he had received a well permit letter. The subdivision plat was unanimously approved by the planning commission. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the subdivision plat of Schomerus-Vogt Subdivision. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to re-appoint Chuck Cole and Stephanie Shrader to the Otoe County Planning Commission. Mr. Schmitz stated that they are both current members and the re-appointment would be for a three-year term. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay none. Parsons abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

The interlocal agreement with City of Nebraska City for a communication project was not complete and was tabled to a future meeting. No action was taken.

Deb Weitzenkamp, UNL Extension Educator, was present to discuss the decrease in hours for an extension office employee. The employee will begin working 32 hours per week and maintain full time status.

Karly Black, UNL Engagement Zone Coordinator, spoke to the board about the University of Nebraska Extension strategic direction, The Big 3.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to award the bid to Gus Construction, Inc., for Project C-66(606). The bids were to include all labor, transportation, materials, and equipment required for construction of a triple 12'x12'x57' concrete box culvert on a 20-degree skew (lhb) and other related incidental work. The public bid opening occurred on Friday, October 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Rick Freshman, County Commissioner; Dan Crownover, County Commissioner, Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent; Chris Walle, Gus Construction, Inc., and Denise Wilke, Vogtsapes, present at the bid opening. The bids were as follows:

Contractor	Bid	Start/End Dates
Vogtsapes	\$426,556.00	April 2023/May 2023
Gus Construction, Inc.	\$370,022.57	Nov. 1, 2022/Dec. 15, 2022
Bauer Infrastructure, LLC	\$467,544.70	August 1, 2023/Oct. 1, 2023

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

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt resolution #10-25-22-25 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards for 2022. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (644) N & 24 South FEMA culvert – complete. Projects (587) P & 24 South and (662) B & 28 North – (662) floor is poured, contractor is forming walls and deck. Plan on pouring next week. The county crews have repaired inlet on crossover culvert and ditching at K & 4 West; removed trees, removed and replaced backwall and wingwall then backfilled, removed and replaced subfloor and deck at 14 & R South, Bridge C006601505; ditching and shaping Jade and 67 East – Project (647); worked on signs and trimming trees around bridges. 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 8:56 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on November 8, 2022.

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 25th day of October 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk