



# Otoe County Board Minutes



March 29, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 29, 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, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Thurman.

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, Crownover, and Thurman. 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. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Crownover made a motion, seconded by Thurman to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of a Return of Tax Sale Proceedings report submitted by the County Treasurer. All delinquent real estate taxes were offered for sale on March 7, 2022. The total amount received was \$134,181.26.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve a conservation easement application submitted by Louis Stukenholtz. The parcel number was listed on the application as 000460500 and the legal description as: tract of land in the Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 7N, Range 15 East, Otoe County, NE. The application was approved by the Otoe County Planning Board at the March 17, 2022, meeting. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Silva Acres Subdivision, a 5.00+- acre tract of land located in the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S30, T8N, R9E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Otoe County, Nebraska. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Zoning Administrator, stated



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that the subdivision plat would need to be tabled due to miscommunication of when the taxes were due. The subdivision plat will be presented at a future meeting.

Tim Shanks, representing his son Robert Shanks, informed the board of his son's Eagle Scout project. Robert's Eagle Scout project is to construct a storage shed for the legion baseball field in Syracuse. The application submitted was complete and contained details of the project. The estimated cost of the project is \$5500.00. The requested amount is \$3,000 and the economic growth application is a matching grant. The application included proof of matching funds of \$3,000. Mr. Shanks indicated that they were trying to raise funds of \$6,000 to cover the estimated price and unforeseen expenses/increases in costs. The City of Syracuse has approved building the shed at the location. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the \$3,000 keno grant application. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to declare a 2008 Dodge Durango as surplus. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt resolution 3-15-22-8 to authorize Jerad Sornson to sell the surplus Durango. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to award the bid to Malone Construction Co., Inc. for Project C-66(644). The bids were to include all labor, transportation, materials, and all other miscellaneous items required for construction of the project. The public bid opening occurred on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Rick Freshman, County Commissioner; Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent; Jeff Wagner, Mainelli Wagner; Kevin Mack, Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition, Inc.; Cash McClintick, Husker Engineering, Inc.; Tim Sisco, Sisco Construction; Kari Fortner, Gana Trucking; and Derrin Williams, Mount Farm Drainage, were present at the bid opening. The bids were as follows:

Contractor	Bid	Start/End Dates
Dynamic Dirtwork & Demolition, Inc.	\$183,655.00	July 11/Sept 1, 2022
Gana Trucking	\$194,344.83	July 25/Sept 1, 2022
Husker Engineering, Inc.	\$297,000.00	Aug 20/Sept 1, 2022
Mount Farm Drainage	\$311,420.14	July 11/Aug 20, 2022
Sisco Construction	\$260,081.52	Aug 2022/Sept 2022
Malone Construction	\$138,640.95	When fabricated/Sept 1, 2022

Jon Brinkman stated that this is a FEMA project and should receive approximately \$100,000 back. This project replaces one 72" pipe with dual 72" pipes. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to award the bid to Jerad Sornson for the purchase of a surplus Grasshopper mower. Bids were publicly opened on Thursday, March 24, 2022 with Rick Freshman, Commissioner; Jenny Bassinger, Otoe County Clerk; Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent; and Jeff Wagner, Mainelli Wagner present. The following bids were received:

Bidder Name	Amount
Brooks Keiser	\$1201.01



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Shawn Lempka	\$450.00
Jerry O. Spidell	\$1,000.00
Ron Lechner	\$1630.00
Jerad Sornson	\$1801.00

Voting aye were Thurman, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Sornson abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (665) C Road Paving – the dirt contractor is moving in this week and going to concentrate from 2 Road to the East end of the project. The county crews burned and buried debris pile at Nebraska City shop; removed beaver dams at Dunbar LWC; repaired drain tile at C & 3 West; cleaned out ditch at N & 22 North; removed dirt mound and Otoe County sign from east side of Nebraska City shop; unloaded culverts for (664) S & 42 East. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock on problem areas. Contractor is hauling on R road between Hwy 50 and Hwy 67.

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 8:57 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 12, 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 29th day of March 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk