



Otoe County Board Minutes



November 21, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 21, 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 Thurman. Commissioner Crownover 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 Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons 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 Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

The Memorandum for Understanding for court IT and equipment was tabled to a future meeting after additional information is received.

Susan Boyd, Head Start, was not able to attend today's meeting. The presentation will be made at the Dec. 6, 2022, meeting.

Gregg Goebel, EMA Director, stated that there was no discussion regarding the SE PET fiscal agent.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve and sign an interlocal agreement between Otoe County and City of Nebraska City. The interlocal agreement is for each entity to pay half the cost of a radio console system for use by the Neb. City Fire and Rescue Department and Otoe County Emergency Management. The total cost of the console equipment is \$56,612 with each entity paying \$27,306.00. The Otoe County portion will be paid with ARPA funds. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to accept and approve a quote from Control Services for the purchase and installation of a chiller unit for the Otoe County Courthouse. Two quotes were received: \$114,174.00 and \$221,000.00. Theresa Sullivan, building manager, stated that



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the current unit was 25+ years old, has a leak and is needing replaced. Control Services is looking at replacing the unit this winter. The unit will be paid for with ARPA funds. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve Resolution #11-21-22-26 authorizing the chairman to sign an agreement between NDOT and Otoe County for Land Survey Corner Preservation. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to set the Highway Superintendent salary for 2023 at \$78,000/year. Each year, the county board appoints or re-appoints a highway superintendent. There was discussion about the salary being outside of the NACO wage study, certifications, and knowledge of the current highway superintendent. Voting aye were Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – Parsons. Motion carried.

Chris Reece, Drug Court Coordinator for Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court, was not present at the meeting. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve and sign the interlocal agreement for SE Nebraska Drug Court. The SE Nebraska Drug Court includes the counties of Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson, with Richardson County being the fiscal agent. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to recess the meeting at 9:02 a.m. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. At 9:06 a.m., Chairman Sornson reconvened the meeting with the same board members present as the beginning of the meeting.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Schreiter Subdivision plat, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S 16, T 8N, R 13 E, of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska, as requested by Kurt M. Schreiter, Mary K. McCoy, and David W. Schreiter. Site is located at 5372 I Rd. Chairman Sornson stated that there is a home on the three acres, and this is to portion it off. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve the subdivision plat of Schreiter Subdivision. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the subdivision plat of Francois Subdivision, a 5.00+- acre tract of land located in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S 4, T 8N, R 13E, of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Mark Francois, Manager of Schreiner 9, LLC. Site is located $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of H Road on North 54th Road. Sornson presented the information as a new home where rural water and power is accessible. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve the subdivision plat of Francois Subdivision and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Sornson abstained. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (662) B & 28 North – the box is complete, the dirt work and road top is done, all that remains is seeding. Project (587) P & 24 South – JJK will be pouring the floor today. Project (606) 9/10 mile east of the intersection at E & 20 – Gus Contracting has the floor poured and the box formed. The walls and deck will be poured Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022. The county crews have worked on low water crossing (LWC) at S & 14 East; removed old concrete culvert, installed twin metal culverts shape, finish road



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top and backfill for Project (667) located at H & 50 West ½ mile, project is complete; worked on signs, tree trimming, training new hires, grading and hauling rock. The following will have bid openings on Dec. 19, 2022: Project (678) located at E & 20 East ¾ mile – bridge to be removed and replaced with a 100' 8 ¾" deck slab bridge; CBMP round (6) Projects (605)(609)(680) located at M & 8 West, D & 14 North, and K & 20 South – remove all bridges and replace with culverts by our crews; Rock truck and belly dump trailer to replace unit #94.

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 9:16 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 6, 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 21st day of November 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk