



Otoe County Board Minutes



December 20, 2022

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 20, 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, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve a KENO application submitted by the GREAT Foundation in the amount of \$28,500.00. The funding will assist with the final engineering fees for the first phase of the Nebraska City Sports Complex. Doug Friedli, Pat Wehling, and Steve Baltsenperger were present to answer questions regarding the application and the sports complex. After completion of the study and additional fundraising, the committee will be able to begin the first two soccer fields at the complex. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution 12-20-22-28 to authorize the county attorney to foreclose on tax sale certificates owned by the county. A list of 13 certificates was provided. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid application. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to adopt Resolution #12-20-22-29 to authorize the Chairman to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2022. Voting aye Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There were four public bid openings on Monday, December 16, 2022, with three occurring at 10:00 a.m. and one at 10:15 a.m. The bid openings were for Project C-66 (678), CBMP Project (605) (609) (680), a semi/tractor, and a rock/gravel trailer. County Commissioner Jerad Sornson, County Commissioner Dan Crownover, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, and Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman were present to represent the county. Others present for one or all the openings were Kent Shirley, Simon Construction; Dick Ludwig, Contech; Tom Bokenkamp, ACE/Eaton Metals; Phillip Schneider, RDO Trucking Center.

Bids received for Project C-66(678):

Contractor	Bid	Start/End Dates
Simon Contractors	\$759,900.00	Oct. 1, 2023/Dec. 15,2023
Theisen Construction	\$815,547.70	Oct. 2, 2023/Dec. 15,2023

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to award the bid to Simon Contractors in the amount of \$759,900.00. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for CBMP(605)(609)(680):

Contractor	Bid(605)	Bid(609)	Bid(680)	Total Bid	Delivery Dates
ACE/Eaton	\$93,518.00	\$62,066.00	\$105,206.35	\$260,790.35	(605) 10-12 weeks (609) 10-16 weeks (680) 10-20 weeks
Metal Culverts, Inc.	\$92,875.00	\$60,455.80	\$103,733.85	\$257,064.65	(605) 10-12 weeks (609) 12-14 weeks (680) 14-16 weeks
Midwest Services & Sales	\$109,538.54	\$73,009.08	\$122,537.43	\$305,085.05	(605) May 10, 2023 (609) May 24, 2023 (680) June 7, 2023
Contech	\$97,040.00	\$58,988.00	\$110,562.00	\$266,590.00	(605) 14 weeks (609) 16 weeks (680) 18 weeks

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman stated that the CBMP project will be reimbursed 55% of the total project and the bids are for materials only. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to award the bid to Metal Culverts, Inc. in the amount of \$257,064.65. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for semi/tractor:

Vendor	Bid	Delivery Date
RDO Truck Center	\$160,507.10	No delivery date specified –



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Phillip Schneider, RDO representative, explained at the bid opening that the delivery date is unknown and may be in the first quarter of 2024 and the year of the truck may change prior to the delivery. If the delivery date extends, he estimated an additional 5% increase of the bid amount. The county would have the option of cancelling if the pricing/surcharges changes. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to award the bid to RDO Truck Center in the amount of \$160,507.10 with the understanding of a 5% increase. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for rock/gravel trailer:

Vendor	Bid	Delivery Date
Boyer Ridge Manufacturing	\$55,650.00	90 days after award
RDO Truck Center	\$74,685.00	2 nd Quarter 2023

Mr. Brinkman provided a list of repairs and issues that have occurred with a previously purchased Boyer Ridge trailer and noted that there were little to no issues with the previously purchased R-Way from RDO. He also acknowledged that although there were issues, Boyer Ridge made the repairs as needed. There was discussion regarding repairs, lost time for travel for repairs, etc. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to award the bid to RDO Truck Center in the amount of \$74,685.00. Voting aye were Sornson and Freshman. Nay – Parsons and Thurman. The vote was tied, and it was determined that the bid will be presented at a future meeting when a full board is present.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to adopt resolution #12-20-22-30 to authorize an amendment to Article 18 of the Road Union Contract. Article 18 defines the wages for the road department. The amendment adds a scale of wages based on years of service. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the Highway Superintendent Report: Project (587) P & 24 South – box is poured and starting to backfill. Project (606) 9/10 mile east of the intersection at E & 20 – box and grading have been completed, rocking and seeding are all that needs to be completed. The county crews have removed trees and fixed west ditch at J & 60 South; removed tree, repaired abutment 1 and redocked south span of Bridge 00505 at N & 4 North; worked on minor bridge repair, grading, and hauling rock. The department has shut down 99% of hauling and are hauling to a few spots.

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 9:17 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on January 3, 2023.

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 December 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk