January 17, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:31 a.m. on January 17, 2023, 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 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 Sornson, Freshman Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the purchase and installation of a generator at the Fire-East Tower. An estimate of \$6,851.09 was received. Gregg Goebel, EMA Director, stated that the Nebraska City Utilities has agreed to pay for half of the price. An interlocal agreement will be drafted and presented at a future meeting. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The interlocal agreement with Nebraska City Utilities for the purchase and install of the generator at the Fire-East Tower was not complete and will be presented at a future meeting.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the Annual Weed Report. Jon Brinkman provided an explanation of the report to the board in John Bebout's absence. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the following road/bridge report: Project (587) P & 24 South: box has been backfilled and road rocked on Friday; not officially open, but close to being opened. The county crews have been working on minor bridge repairs, tree trimming, shop work and equipment repair. The crews have started spotting in rock and grading roads.

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 8:42 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on January 31, 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 17th day of January 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger Otoe County Clerk