

February 14, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 14, 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, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Cole.

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, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$44,461.66 for the month of January 2023. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve an interlocal agreement with Nebraska City Utilities for a generator purchase and installation at the Nebraska City Rural Water Tower. This agreement was previously presented at the January 31, 2023, meeting, but it was found that there was an error in stating the agreement was between Otoe County and City of Nebraska City. The updated agreement has the same terms as the previous agreement with each entity paying for half of the total amount of \$6,851.09. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The resolution for sheriff fees was not complete and was tabled to a future meeting.

Freshman made a motion, seconded Crownover, to adopt Resolution 2-14-23-6 authorizing a tax refund to Iron Works in the amount of \$790.32. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to authorize Commissioner Sornson to sell surplus county property with a value of \$2,500 or less for 2023. The authorization excludes mobile equipment. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

LuRae Hallstrom, of Syracuse, presented a KENO application to the Board on behalf of the Morgan Hallstrom Memorial. The application is requesting \$23,000 for the materials and installation of a fence around the sand volleyball area and materials and construction of a picnic shelter at the Syracuse Ball Complex. The fencing would include a service and gated entrance. If funding allows, sidewalks and a water source will be completed. Ms. Hallstrom's application was complete and included documentation of a matching \$23,000 for the project; the matching funds include \$11,500 from the City of Syracuse Keno funds and \$11,500 from the Morgan Hallstrom Memorial Fund. Cole made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve the Keno grant application. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion of updating the current KENO applications. No action was taken.

Sornson made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to award the bid for a rock/gravel trailer to Boyer Ridge Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount of \$55,150.00. The bids were previously presented at the December 20, 2022, meeting and tabled until a full board was present. Each of the bidders to inquire if the original bids amounts would remain the same as it was past 30 days of the bid. Boyer Ridge bid amount was reduced by \$500.00 to \$55,150.00 and RDO Truck Center remained the same at \$74,685.00. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve an agreement with Lancaster County to participate in Cooperative Bidding for Project C-66(665). This agreement is to complete the paperwork for the C Road paving project. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole motion, seconded by Freshman, to purchase two rubber tire backhoes from Murphy Tractor through Sourcewell. Sornson stated that the road department has three back hoes that are from 1988-1993; one at each of the following shops: Neb. City, Syracuse, and Douglas. The road department would be able to share one between Syracuse and Douglas. The Sourcewell bid is \$135,490.48 each with possible delivery by May or June 2023. At that time, the three current backhoes would be presented as surplus and sold by competitive bidding. The new backhoes would be purchased with ARPA funds. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman presented the following road/bridge report: The county crews have burned a brush piles, worked on minor bridge repairs and tree trimming, shop work and repaired equipment, preparing for snow/ice events. 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 8:57 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February, 28, 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 14th day of February 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk