

March 28, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 28, 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 Crownover, Commissioner Parsons 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 Cole, 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.

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

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Cole 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.

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

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a conditional permit for Frontier Cooperative to operate a refueling station for customers and cooperative vehicles, application machines including gas, diesel, and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) located in part of Lot2, K & D Enterprises Subdivision in the NE ¼ of Section 27, Township 8 N, Range 11 E of the 6th P.M. Otoe County, NE. The site is located at 3176 K Road. Craig Schultz, Frontier Cooperative Chief Operating Officer was present and spoke to the board and answered questions about the project. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the conditional use permit for Frontier Cooperative. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of GLW Wurtele 2nd Subdivision, a three-acre tract of land located in part of the west ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 4, Township 8 N, Range 13 E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by

Michael S. Wurtele. Site is located on G Road 1885' east of N 54th Road. Dave Schmitz, County Surveyor and Zoning Administrator, presented information to the board and said it passed the planning board 100%. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the subdivision plat of GLW Wurtele 2nd Subdivision. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the issuance of a conditional use permit to the Nebraska City Utilities to allow the application of wastewater sludge on various farm sites in Otoe County. There was discussion of the application sites. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the conditional use permit to the Nebraska City Utilities. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the issuance of a conditional use permit to the City of Omaha to allow the application of wastewater sludge on various farm sites in Otoe County. The following facilities were listed on the applications: Papillion Creek WWTP and Missouri River WWTP. Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the conditional use permit to the City of Omaha. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to sign a letter of financial commitment and support to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging in an amount not to exceed \$27,857.50 for fiscal year 2023-2024. This is an increase of 2% from last year's request. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the tax sale proceedings from the Otoe County Treasurer. The interest and principal were \$192,703.25. The grand total including the cost of certificates was \$194,463.25. Voting aye was Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made motion, seconded by Sornson, to adopt Resolution #3-28-23-11 to authorize the issuance of a county credit card to the Otoe County Sheriff. The resolution states that purchases over \$5,000 will need prior approval of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution #3-28-23-12. The resolution directs Highway Superintendent Jonathan Brinkman to conduct a vacation study of approximately 1200' of Otoe County Road 6, North of Otoe County Road G located in the SW ¼ of S34, T9, R9. The superintendent will provide a report within 30 days. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman presented the road report in Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman's absence: The county crews have been working on minor bridge repair, putting down rock and blading as weather permits.

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 11, 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 28th day of March 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk