

April 11, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 11, 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 Crownover, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Freshman 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.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, 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. Voting aye were Commissioners 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 Parsons, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Parsons, and Crownover. 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 \$64,218.91 for the month of March 2023. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-117 Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the quarterly report from the County Sheriff denoting the amount of certain fees collected, from whom and for what service. The total amount received in the first quarter of the year was \$11,378.78.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending March 31, 2023, of the petty cash accounts held by Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Teresa Johnson, Child Support Officer; Ruth Ann Weddle, Register of Deeds; Colin Caudill, Sheriff; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Dana Ritchheart, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Javier Fernandez, OPPD President and CEO, presented a growth and economic growth update of OPPD.

There were multiple presentations of the programs within the SENCA program: Susan Keholm presented an update on services provided by the SENCA program, Sharon Graham provided an update of the Otoe County Outreach program, and Amanda Palmerton provided an update of the Housing Development program. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to proclaim May 2023 as Community Action Month. Voting aye were Sornson, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a final plat of the M & M Commercial Park Subdivision, a 14- lot subdivision located in the North ½ of the NW ¼ of S 33, T 9 N, R 9 E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Roland Meyer. The site is located 630'+-south of Hwy 2 on North 4<sup>th</sup> Road. David Schmitz, County Surveyor and Zoning Administrator, stated that the plat met the requirements, passed well tests, and was approved by the planning commission. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the final plat of the M & M Commercial Park Subdivision. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Gregg Goebel, Otoe County EMA Director, spoke to the board about an RFP proposal for a simulcast system. He informed the board that this would upgrade the current system from T-1 lines to microwave/intranet and improve connectivity. The county is currently spending \$1500/month for service through Windstream. The estimated expense is \$380,000-\$400,000. There was no action to approve requesting proposals.

Commissioner Sornson acknowledged an addition to the chiller project that was approved at the November 21, 2022, meeting. The addition includes replacing 2.5" valve, relocating evap and valve, and installing hail guards to the new chiller unit. The additional cost is \$11,544.00.

Commissioner Sornson presented the road report in Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman's absence: Project (587) P & 24 South – contractor is planning on seeding this week; Project (606) E & 22 West – contractor is planning on seeding this week. The county crews have burned and buried brush piles at 24 & L; ditching and driveway installation at L & 29 North; shop work, repairs on equipment, rocking, and grading.

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 9:42 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 25, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk