

April 25, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 25, 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. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole 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. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to cancel check #23030230. The check was an overpayment to Miller Farrell in the amount of \$326.00. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$2,000 from Fund 2918 SE Regional Emergency Management to 0100 General Fund. The revenue was originally coded to the 2918 fund, and it was found that the reimbursement was for expenses paid from the general fund. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a conditional use permit for Nathan Giegert / Roland Meyer for a wood shop, office, millwork manufacturing, and sales on part of the East ½ of the SW ¼ of S 29, T 9N, R 9E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska. The site is located on Highway 2, ¼ mile +/- feet east of County Road #2. David Schmitz, Otoe County Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the planning commission tabled the

conditional use permit. Well tests were needed, and the state would require turn lanes off the highway. Sornson made a motion, seconded by Cole, to table the conditional use permit. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a conditional use permit for a Verizon wireless facility which will include a 198-foot lattice tower and a 75' x 75' fenced in compound including base ground equipment and an emergency generator, located in the East ½ of the NE ¼ of S 22, T 9N, R 11E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska. Site is located on North 32nd Road 3000+- feet north of E Road. There was discussion of this being the third application for the conditional use permit with no construction. David Schmitz stated that the planning commission and neighboring property owners are in favor of the facility. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the conditional use permit with a 1-year provision to start building. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jerad Reimers, District Coordinator for Adrian Smith, Nebraska Congressional District #3, presented an overview of the office and an update of the district. He stated that constituents could reach out to their office for assistance with such items such as passports, citizenship, etc.

Dan Mauk, Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corporation, presented information to the board regarding childcare within Otoe County. NCAEDC has received grants that have assisted with paying an Early Childhood Community Coordinator, required training for current and potential providers to enable the providers to obtain or renew their licenses. The grants have also been used to fund remodeling, equipment, activities, and educational materials. Mr. Mauk submitted a request of \$105,000 of ARPA funding to fund the continuation of the Childhood Coordinator position, annual training and related services to providers for three years. The request would include \$35,000 annual payments for 2024, 2025, 2026. There was discussion of previously requested County ARPA funds for a housing project and how that is now discontinued. No funding had been provided to NCAEDC for the housing project. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve \$35,000 annual ARPA contribution between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2026, total \$105,000, to assist additional childcare providers in Otoe County. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for Project C66 (648) Talmage were publicly opened on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. The bids were to include all labor, materials, transportation, and equipment required for channel shaping, approximately 1,328 tons of rock riprap placement and related incidental work. 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 to represent bidders for the project were Bryson Mack, Dynamic Dirtwork & Demolition; Lori White, Husker Engineering; Nick Borgman, Van Dorn Valley Construction; and Brian Claycomb, Empire Construction. Mark Mainelli was present for Mainelli Wagner Engineering.

Bids received for Project C-66(648):

Contractor	Bid	Start/End Dates
Husker Engineering	\$184,992.00	Aug. 1, 2023/Aug. 30, 2023
Yost Excavating	\$129,271.50	May 15,2023/June 15, 2023
Gana	\$137,481.08	June 1, 2023/June 30, 2023
Dynamic Dirtworks & Demolition	\$147,073.00	Aug. 1, 2023/Aug. 30, 2023
Empire Construction	\$142,682.00	Aug. 1, 2023/Aug. 31, 2023
Van Dorn Valley Construction	\$137,783.00	May 1, 2023/June 1, 2023
Brandt Excavating	\$163,297.50	July 10, 2023/Aug 6, 2023
Nebraska Diggin Services, LLC	\$176,250.50	July 10, 2023/Aug 10, 2023
Malone Construction	\$144,336.32	July 2, 2023/Sept. 1, 2023

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to award the bid to Yost Excavating in the amount of \$129,271.50. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for Project C66 (682) Syracuse South were publicly opened on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The bids were to include all labor, materials, transportation, and equipment required to fabricate and deliver the material necessary to construct a triple 84" X 40' -0" corrugated metal pipes on a 0 deg. Skew with steel headwalls and wingwalls. 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 to represent bidders for the project were Dick Ludwig, Contech and Travis Mills, Metal Culverts, Inc. Mark Mainelli was present for Mainelli Wagner Engineering.

Bids received for Project C-66(682):

Contractor	Bid	Estimated Delivery
Metal Culverts	\$54,160.00	12-14 weeks after approval of drawings
Midwest Service and Sales	\$55,647.62	August 2023
Contech	\$69,490.00	9-11 weeks after approval of drawings
Ace / Eaton	\$49,480.00	10-16 weeks after approval of drawings

There is an interlocal between Otoe County and City of Syracuse for the project to this point. There was discussion that the City of Syracuse is looking at options of adding a walking trail in the area and this would change the amount of material needed. The verbal agreement is for the City of Syracuse to purchase the materials and the County to provide the labor of installation. A formal interlocal agreement for materials and labor has not been completed as of the date of this meeting. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Cole, to award the bid to Ace / Eaton contingent on Syracuse having an interlocal agreement for the project. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, provided a Road Closure Study to the Board of Commissioners. The study is for vacating approximately 1200' of Otoe County Road 6, north of Otoe County Road G, located in the SW ¼ of S 34, T 9, R 9. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to adopt Resolution #4-25-23-13 to proceed with the public hearing regarding the vacation. The public hearing will be held on June 6, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the regular board meeting of the Otoe County Commissioners. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the road report: Project (587) P & 24 South – project has been seeded and is complete; Project (606) E & 22 West – project has been seeded and is complete. The county crews have hauled dirt from Project (606) to bridge 22335 to raise approaches; CBMP Project (668) M & 38 West - removed the bridge, dirt work and shaping, set culverts in place, and started building headwalls; I & 50 west – installed driveway; P & 24 South – tree removal for Project M-1; B & 8 South – repairs to bridge 10925 that was damaged in vehicle accident. Both crews have been rocking and grading roads.

Gregg Goebel, Otoe County EMA Director, presented information to the board regarding a proposed update to the Otoe County Simulcast System. The simulcast system would allow more effective radio communication with improved signal strength, coverage, and clarity. The radio systems are often used by police, fire, and emergency medical personnel. The current analog system is approximately 15 years old. One of the main focuses of the project is replacing the repeaters as the replacement parts are no longer available. With the upgrade, the county would be able to discontinue the use of the T-1 lines that cost approximately \$1100/month, however, there may be a minimal monthly internet fee. The estimated expense of the upgrade is \$380,000. Mr. Goebel is researching the options of qualifying for the state bid or single source for the project. No action was taken.

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 9:33 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 9, 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 25th day of April 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk