

June 6, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 6, 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, and Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Parsons was absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the south wall of the courtroom. Additional copies are available upon request.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, 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 \$41,216.00 for the month of May 2023. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve an application for STOP re-certification approval through the Nebraska Safety Center and authorize the County attorney to sign. Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney, explained that there are no changes to the program and that the attendee pays the fees associated with the program. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Vanessa Sherman, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, presented the award and special conditions for the 2024 community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant. The amount of funding for FY 2023-2024 is \$48,852.00. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the acceptance of the grant award and special conditions for the 2024 community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the road vacation study of 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. Jon Brinkman, Otoe County Highway Superintendent, addressed the board and stated that the Umlands names had been misspelled in the road vacation study. He displayed a 1993 survey of the property and a photo of the area. He stated that the road had been a county road since the 1800s. Speaking from the public were: 1) Verda Umland: she expressed her opinion to leave the road as a county road so each has the use of the road for equipment; the road could be minimum maintenance; 2) Duane Bremmer: farms the Umland land and would like 6 Rd access due to water issues in another location; 3) Glen Royal: representing Kevin Royal, bought the property in 1986 and road is currently on his property and power poles are in the county ROW; he wants the county to follow where the deed says it is and not change a property line; 4) Brent Lundgren, OPPD: requests to reserve easement for local utilities in ROW if vacated; 5) Matt Umland: water issues so taking access could be an issue, maintain as a road for access. Sornson closed the public hearing. The commissioners will make a determination at a future meeting.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the road report: Project (648) P & 46 South – Yost is currently onsite and working on bank stabilization. The county crews have started replacing culverts at G & 36 E for Project (672); replaced culvert at K & 18; installed culvert at I & 22; removed trees and replaced culvert at E & 16 East; repaired 1st and Walnut bridge after car went off the side of the bridge; installed a new driveway at M & 22 West; repaired plank on bridge 11320 J and 12 South, farm equipment tore off. Both crews have been rocking 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 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 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 6th day of June 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk