

June 20, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 20, 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, and Commissioner Crownover. Commissioner Cole 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 Parsons, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. 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. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, 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 Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

It was reported that two budgets would require a fund transfer to meet the financial obligations of FY 22-23. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt resolution #6-20-23-14. The resolution authorizes the transfer of \$1918.46 for Sheriff/Traffic Grant and \$372.50 for Coroner. All budgets are within the general fund and funds will be transferred from the General miscellaneous budget. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a Class I liquor license application submitted by Rich Harvest Vineyard and Winery, LLC, dba, Rich Harvest Vineyard and Winery. The business is located at 3010 G Road, Syracuse, NE. Rich Halama, representing Rich Harvest, told the board the Class I license would allow the winery to sell beer and spirits in addition to their wine without needing additional SDL licenses. He indicated that the winery was limited on the number of SDL licenses that they could obtain annually. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the Class I liquor license

application for Rich Harvest Vineyard and Winery, LLC. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to appoint John Chisholm to the Otoe County Veteran Service Committee. Mr. Chisholm will be completing the term of David Ramold which will expire on June 30, 2025, and will be representing the VFW Post #2634 in Nebraska City. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chad Miller, Otoe County Veteran Service Officer, presented the June Veteran of the Month honor to Gary Hobbie. Mr. Miller spoke of Mr. Hobbie's military service and honors.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to declare four sheriff vehicles as surplus. The vehicles include: 2017 Ford Explorer, 2017 Dodge Ram, 2014 Dodge Ram, and a 2015 Ford Explorer. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #6-20-23-15 to authorize Jerad Sornson to sell the surplus sheriff vehicles. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution #6-20-23-16 approving a tax refund to Badgett Hill Farms for \$234.04. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution #6-20-23-17 approving a tax refund to Western National Bank for \$1,683.18. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's report from January – May 2023.

An agreement with Region V Systems for EPC services had been added to the agenda prior to the deadline, but in error, the updated agenda containing the item did not replace the previously posted agenda. With the agreement not listed on agenda posted on the County website, the Region V Systems agreement was tabled until the July 3, 2023, meeting.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution #6-20-23-19 to determine that 1200' of Otoe County Road 6, north of Otoe County Road G, located in the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 9, Range 9, 6th P.M. Otoe County, should not be vacated. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for furnishing aggregate were publicly opened on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. County Commissioner Jerad Sornson, Deputy County Clerk Mary Bennett, and Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman were present to represent the county. There were no bids received for furnishing aggregate. No action was taken.

Bids for hauling aggregate were publicly opened on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 10:15 a.m. County Commissioner Jerad Sornson, Deputy County Clerk Mary Bennett, and Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman were present to represent the county. The following bids were received:

Hauling From	Bidder – Westover Trucking	Bidder -Wessels Trucking
Weeping Water		
For Surfacing; truck only < 20 tons	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.50 minimum	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.00 minimum
For Surfacing; truck & pup < 20 tons	\$.20 per loaded mile \$4.00 minimum	\$.18 per loaded mile \$3.00 minimum
For Rip Rap (various sizes)	\$.25 per loaded mile \$5.75 minimum	\$.25 per loaded mile \$4.00 minimum
Plattsmouth		
For Surfacing; truck only < 20 tons	No bid	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.00 minimum
For Surfacing; truck & pup < 20 tons	No bid	\$.18 per loaded mile \$3.00 minimum
For Rip Rap (various sizes)	No bid	\$.25 per loaded mile \$4.00 minimum
Springfield		
For Surfacing; truck only < 20 tons	No bid	\$.30 per loaded mile \$5.00 minimum
For Surfacing; truck & pup < 20 tons	No bid	\$.18 per loaded mile \$3.00 minimum
For Rip Rap (various sizes)	No bid	\$.25 per loaded mile \$4.00 minimum

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to accept both bids received for hauling aggregate for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to declare a 2014 Rhino bat-wing shredder and 2003 Honda Rancher as surplus. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #6-20-23-18 approving Jon Brinkman to sell said road surplus. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the road report: Project (648) P & 46 South – project has been completed. The county crews have started replacing culverts at G & 36 E for Project (672); filled in washouts at O & 40 South; installed a driveway culvert at K & 40 South; fixed a hole in the road at B & 36 East; unloaded culverts at M & 8 West (605); unloaded culverts at K & 20 South (609); ditching project at I & 20 South. Both crews have been rocking and grading roads.

Chairman Sornson announced that board members will visit the county jail facility upon adjournment per State Statute 47-109.

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 8:55 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 3, 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 20th day of June 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk