

August 29, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 29, 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 to the right of the door of the courtroom.

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

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

The Veteran of the Month presentation was tabled until the Sept.12, 2023 Commissioners' meeting.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve the 2023 inventory statements. The inventory statements presented were Otoe County Real Property and District #1 Probation, all others had been approved at the August 15, 2023, meeting. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the EagleView Cloud Imagery proposal and set the date to finalize a contract with EagleView and an interlocal with Nebraska City Utilities for shared costs as September 26, 2023. The proposal for EagleView Cloud Imagery is \$37,333.73/annually and Nebraska City Utilities has agreed to a cost share of 25%. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve a contract with Region V for jail meal preparation. There was no change to the cost per day/inmate for the meal preparation. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Nicki Kreifels, Otoe County Treasurer, was present to request authorization to open a T-bill money market account at Arbor Bank. She stated that the current rate of the T-bill money market account is 5.28%. Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to authorize the treasurer to open a T-bill money market account at Arbor Bank for county funds. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion of the jail roof project and bids. The bids were opened and tabled at the August 15, 2023, meeting. Cole made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to accept Weathercraft's proposal for \$71,511.00 with 20-year warranty. This option includes the puncture coverage. It was discussed that if damage is found upon removal of the old roof, the expense may increase as the repairs are not included in the bid. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Crownover. Nay – none.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #8-29-23-26 to approve tax allocations to political subdivisions. These allocations are for the political subdivisions that the county is required to allocate a levy, hospital, ag society, rural fire districts. Dunbar and Syracuse Rural Fire Districts both had successful levy override elections in 2022 and will be using the levy override amount for their annual budgets and are not requesting county allocation for FY23-24. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #8-29-23-27 to authorize the implementation and collection of fees by the Otoe County Sheriff's office for specified fees. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: clean out ditches and rebuilding road at G & 36 East (672); removed trees, removed bridge, dirt work, installed culverts, installed headwalls, started back filling (605) CBMP; dig up and install new crossover culvert at intersection at J & 20. Both crews have been rocking and grading roads.

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 29th day of August 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk