

September 26, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:46 a.m. on September 26, 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 Parsons, Commissioner Crownover, and Commissioner Cole.

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.

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

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, 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. Cole abstained. 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 Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. 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 \$16,995.62 for the month of August 2023. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

The Veteran of the Month presentation was tabled.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #9-26-23-30 to approve the Fiscal Year 23-24 budget. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve a contract with EagleView for pictometry services. The contract is a six-year contract, and the fee is \$37,333.73 annually.

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

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve an interlocal agreement between Otoe County and Nebraska City Utilities for shared use and expense of EagleView Pictometry. The interlocal agreement states that the entities will share the annual cost of the aerial imagery with Otoe County's share being 75% and Nebraska City Utilities' being 25%. Otoe County will pay 100% of the expense and Nebraska City Utilities will reimburse Otoe County annually. The interlocal will be effective October 17, 2023, pending approval at the Nebraska City Utilities' meeting. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of a report of uncollected personal taxes remaining after distress warrants were issued November 2022 as provided by the County Treasurer. The amount uncollected as of June 30, 2023, is \$4,020.50.

At 9:00 a.m. a public hearing was opened for the purpose of hearing support or opposition to set the property tax request at an amount different than the previous year. Chairman Sornson presented information regarding the proposed tax request and tax rate. There was no public comment. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #9-26-23-31 to approve setting the property tax request for FY23-24. The tax request is \$8,822,779.90. The tax rate for FY23-24 will be \$.305338 per \$100 of assessed value. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to declare a 2009 Ford Supercrew F150 ½ ton pickup, 2012 Elite 36' gooseneck trailer, 2005 Case 580 Super M backhoe, 1993 Case Super K backhoe, and 1997 Roadmaster G440 belly dump trailer as surplus. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – None. Motion carried. Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #9-26-23-32 to approve Jon Brinkman to sell said surplus. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – None. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: project completed at G & 38 North and G & 40 West (672); bridge removed, culverts and headwalls have been installed at K & 20 South (680). 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 26th day of September 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk