

December 19, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 19, 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.

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

Chad Miller, Otoe County Veteran Service Officer, presented Veteran of the Month honors to several recipients. Those receiving recognition were Eugene Kraenow, September honoree; Louis Miller, October honoree; James Brockhaus, November honoree, and Nicholas Esser, December honoree. Mr. Miller and Mr. Brockhaus were present to receive their certificates. Chad Miller spoke of all recipients' military service and honors.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to adopt Resolution #12-19-23-38 to authorize the collection and to charge a fee of \$50.00 per administration of DataMaster test as allowed under Neb. Rev. Stat. 60-6,203 for certain alcohol-related offenses. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parson, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a Class I liquor license application submitted by Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery, LLC dba Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery. Michael Murman, owner, explained that previously wineries were only allowed to sell their own product and were required to apply for and obtain a Special Designated License (SDL) to sell beer/liquor for events. There has been a change in legislation that now allows wineries to apply for and obtain a Class I license to sell other liquors that would not require the additional SDL licenses for individual events. There were no other public comments and Sornson closed the public hearing. Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve a Class I liquor license application submitted by Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery,

LLC, dba Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve and authorize the chairman to sign the Community-Based Aid Juvenile Services Grant to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Vanessa Sherman, Otoe County Juvenile Diversion Coordinator and Central Navigator, explained the annual grant is based on juvenile population of the county and is for preventative services. The grant amount of \$48,852.00 is the same as last year. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There was discussion by the board members of the section of road located in the West ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E. The discussion included the use, county resources, county expense, best use for the majority of county, etc. The section of road had previously been voted to be kept open as a county road. The board discussed the vacation of the section of road and that a new vacation study would need to be conducted. Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to adopt Resolution #12-19-23-39 to direct Highway Superintendent, Jon Brinkman, to conduct a vacation study on a section of road located in the West ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E, Otoe County, NE. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: bridge removal and replacement – bridge is complete, doing final inspection Wednesday, still needs to be seeded, at E & 22 West, Project (678). County crews have been working on Bridge 00420 at B & 8 East: removed plank, removed the old stringers, set new stringers and welded in bracings, installed new subfloor, deck plank, skid rail, rip rap and new posting signs; signs; 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 19th day of December 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk