

December 3, 2024

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 3, 2024, 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 located near 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 Cole, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of the 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, 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.

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

Commissioner Sornson acknowledged the closing of the Child Support Enforcement petty cash. The amount of \$274.67 was remitted to the County Treasurer on November 26, 2024. The original authorized petty cash amount was \$300.00. The child support enforcement employee had previously noted that reimbursements to the account were made if the account was under \$200.00; the account was above this, and a reimbursement had not been requested for the difference.

Susan Boyd with Headstart did not attend the meeting to present the annual report.

Cole made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve a KENO application submitted by Douglas Rescue in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of a LifePack 12 lead defibrillator/monitor. The total cost of the equipment is \$53,349.40. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to declare recommended sheriff vehicles as surplus. Sheriff Caudill provided a list of vehicles that included: 2018 Dodge Ram 1500, 2018 Dodge Durango, 2018 Dodge Charger, and a 2019 Dodge Durango. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to adopt Resolution #12-3-24-27 authorizing Chairman Sornson to sell the surplus sheriff vehicles. It was noted that the vehicles would be placed and sold on Big Iron, an online auction. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the vacation plat of Lot A, Conradi Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 26, T 9N, R 10E as proposed by Ronald A. and Shirley M. Conradi. The site is located 1860 +-' east of North 20th Rd on E Road. David Schmitz, Otoe County Planning and Zoning Administrator, stated that the subdivision had not been built on, and the owners were wanting to vacate the subdivision and return the property to the farm. There was no public comment, and the

public hearing was closed. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the vacation plat of Lot A, Conradi Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 26, T 9N, R 10E as proposed by Ronald A. and Shirley M. Conradi. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion

Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed Solar Power Energy Regulations as approved by the Otoe County Planning Commission. Those speaking from the public were: Cael Giese, representing OPPD; Dan Mauk, representing NCAEDC; Chuck Hassebrook, representing Sandhills Energy; Tom Brammier; Janene Heyen; Anne Boellstorff; Howard Bebout; Kenny Mueller; Ross Hauschild; Linda Schutz; Susan Royal; Dan Hodges; David Schmitz, Otoe County Planning and Zoning Administrator; Jim Buchholz; Ron Neemann; and Lee Buchholz. The discussion items from the public included, but not inclusive, were language changes to the proposed regulations, the need for increased electricity for the future, a different revenue source for landowners, concerns of the proposed setback, safety, water protection, making the regulations more stringent, increased heat issues for crops, equal setbacks for participating and non-participating residents, aesthetics for current residents, and the decrease in farmable land. There was discussion of the need for more power for economic development projects and future needs. Several speakers requested that the setback be at least 1000' from the property line, not dwellings. Mr. Hassebrook and David Schmitz indicated that changing the setback to start at the property line would decrease the number of acres available for solar farm use. Following the public comments, Sornson closed the public hearing. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the Solar Power Energy Regulations with a change to the setback requirement to be 1000' from the property line. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jeff Walters, Otoe County Weed Superintendent, presented the Annual Noxious Weed Report. Cole made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve the Annual Noxious Weed Report. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Brian Briley, Road Lead Supervisor, presented a road report.

There was no public comment.

At 10:03 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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 on this 3rd day of December 2024.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk