

December 30, 2024

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 30, 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 Cole, Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Crownover.

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 Cole to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover and Cole. 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 the same. Voting aye were 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 Parsons, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Parsons, 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 Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay-none. Motion carried.

Discussion or action to approve designating the Nebraska City News Press as the legal newspaper for 2025. Motioning to approve was Freshman, seconded by Cole. Voting aye were Cole, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Crownover. Nay-none. Motion carried.

Updated and revised the Keno Application, effective January 1, 2025. Updated wording and accountability so applicants will understand what is expected of them. Motion to approve made by Parsons, seconded by Crownover. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover and Cole. Nay-none. Motion carried.

Resolution #12-30-24-29 to authorize the Chair to sign the project agreement between Otoe County and NDOT for project CBMP #00974H, County Bridge Match Project. The estimate on the bridge project would be \$964,113. It would be split with the State contribution being \$500,000. The State is the one who decides which bridge it would fund depending on school routes, farming and traffic. Motion to approve made by Parsons, seconded by Crownover. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover and Cole. Nay-none. Motion Carried.

Collective bargaining agreement between Nebraska Public employees No 251 and Otoe County was tabled until the next meeting on January 14, 2025. Road employees will receive a 3% increase in pay until agreement is made.

Resolution #12-30-24-30 to increase the fees collected by Otoe County for driveway permits, issuance of 911 addresses and right of way permits will be tabled until the next meeting.

Purchase of a new Skid Loader from NMC Cat using Sourcewell for pricing. The old Skid Loader will be listed for sale on Big Iron. Remaining funds would be funded by ARPA and inheritance. The amount of the new Skid Loader is \$98,280. Motion to approve was Sornson, seconded by Freshman. Voting aye were Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson and Freshman. Nay- none. Motion carried.

At 8:55 a.m. the meeting was adjourned. I, Mary Bennett, Deputy 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 30th day of December 2024.

Mary Bennett

Otoe County Deputy Clerk