



Otoe County Board Minutes



October 13, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:33 a.m. on October 13, 2020, 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 Speth, and Commissioner Thurman. Absent – none.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting room. Additional copies are available upon request.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, 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 \$16,225.33 for the month of September 2020. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-117 Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the quarterly report from the County Sheriff denoting the amount of certain fees collected, from whom and for what service. The total amount received in the third quarter of the year was \$11,738.03.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending September 30, 2020, of the petty cash accounts held by Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Teresa Johnson, Child Support Officer; Ruth Ann Weddle, Register of Deeds; Colin Caudill, Sheriff; Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Cindy Cich, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.



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Dan Hodges, Planning Commission representative, was present to speak about amending the 2017 zoning regulations. The new regulation includes changes on the minimum water main diameter and the rural water line hook-up requirement. The new regulation would allow a new lot under ten acres to opt for a state approved well instead of rural water hook-up if outside of one-half mile of the rural water lines. Any properties within one-half mile of rural water hook-up, will be required to connect to rural water. Mr. Hodges stated that some rural lines are getting full and access may be limited. After discussion, the board would like to add an exception for those properties that are within one-half mile of hook-up to put in a state approved well if the rural water board determines the rural water line hook-up is not available. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve amending the 2017 zoning regulations. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve resolution #10-13-20-38 authorizing a petty cash account for the Sheriff's department for fingerprinting services. The amount authorized in the account is \$200.00. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parson, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, new corporate manager application submitted by Dustin Bowder for Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard Educational Foundation, Inc. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve an agreement with Richardson County for the safekeeping of inmates. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to deny the Social Investment Keno application submitted by the Sheriff Caudill. The application was requesting funds to pay for the meals of deputies at the training academy. Commissioner Thurman stated that the funds should be used for community projects and new certification training may fall into that category, but he didn't feel that meals should be paid for with the Keno funds. Commissioner Sornson stated that the meals will be paid for through the inheritance tax fund. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman presented the road report: Project (544) F & 16 – Low Water Crossing (LWC) replacement – project is complete. The East Crew worked on the following projects: L & 50 South, Project (634) – replaced culvert with new double broke back culvert. The West Crew worked on the following project: L & 2, Project (538) CBMP – project complete; I 14 West– dig up and relay undermined culvert; I & 22 – replace culvert. Both crews have been hauling rock for projects only and grading.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve and sign resolution 10-13-20-39 for the construction of Federal Aid County Project HRRR-7915(1). The resolution is approving the low bid of \$1,039,531.39. Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, stated that the County's financial responsibility to the project is 10% of the total. The



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County's 10% is being shared with the Village of Palmyra; Otoe County paying 61% and Village of Palmyra paying 39%. The offered amount for the condemnation of the land for the project is currently being appealed. Being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids were opened publicly on Friday, October 9th for the purchase of a new rock truck and trailer in the presence of Commissioner Sornson, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, RDO representative Phil Schneider and Siouxland representative Mark Trively. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Truck	Amount	Delivery Dates
RDO Truck Center	Mack M164 T	124,800.00	120-150 days

Bidder	Trailer	Amount	Delivery Dates
RDO Truck Center	4625 Tri-Axle R Way	50,183.00	30 Days
Siouxland Trailers	S-4663-C Boyer	46,950.00	42 Days

Jim Hawk Truck Trailers submitted a bid for the trailer that did not meet the specifications. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to award the bid for the rock truck to RDO Truck Center in the amount of \$124,800.00. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to award the bid for the trailer to Siouxland Trailers in the amount of \$46,950.00. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Chairman Sornson declared this meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 27, 2020.

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 13th day of October, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger, Otoe County Clerk