



# Otoe County Board Minutes



November 24, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 24, 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 via Zoom, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, and Commissioner Speth. Absent – Commissioner Thurman.

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

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth 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, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Freshman acknowledged the receipt of the completed FY2019-2020 audit.

Gregg Goebel presented a purchase request for a new trailer to be used for the Cooper Nuclear mobilization equipment. The current trailer is no longer large enough to house the monitors and other equipment necessary. The new trailer would be 14' X 7' with tandem axel. Mr. Goebel stated that the funds for the trailer were budgeted for this fiscal year. He said that the current trailer could be used for other county business if needed. Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve the purchase of a new trailer. Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the approval of the subdivision plat of CGR Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of S 12, T 7N, R 13E, Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Charles R. McNew, President of CGR Land Co. LLC. Site is located at 5842 N Rd. David Schmitz, County Zoning and Surveyor, stated that the well test has been completed and passed, but the written narrative has not been received. The



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planning commission approved the subdivision plat based on the approved narrative being received. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve the subdivision plat with the contingency of receiving an approved water test. Chairman Sornson closed the public hearing. Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, spoke on the subject of vacating the following roads: All of County Road 107 North of H Road, Right-of-way in the East  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Otoe County, Nebraska and all of County Road 91/156, in the West  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Northeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Otoe County, Nebraska. The area has not been surveyed to date and Mr. Brinkman felt that it would be difficult to make a determination without exact points. County Attorney, Jennifer Panko-Rahe, stated that when making the determination of vacation, the Commissioners will need to also determine the ownership of land on both sides of the line. If no determination on the land, it would be split half and half and that would be difficult because of an existing fence line. David Schmitz, County Surveyor, will get the property surveyed before the next meeting. Vice-Chairman Freshman tabled the agenda item until the December 8, 2020 Commissioners' meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Vice-Chairman Freshman declared this meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 8, 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 24th day of November, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk