



Otoe County Board Minutes



December 8, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 8, 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 Speth and Commissioner Thurman. Absent – Commissioner Parson.

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

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman 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, Thurman, Speth, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Thurman 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 Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Sornson, Freshman, and Thurman. 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 \$14,610.40 for the month of November, 2020. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator, presented a list of four candidates that she recommends for the Board to appoint as members of the Otoe County Extension Board. The candidates are: Denise Knutson, Laura Liesemeyer, Jerry Wallen and Julie Hippen. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to appoint the candidates to the Otoe County Extension Board. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Thurman, and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

County Surveyor, David Schmitz, presented amendments to the following zoning regulations: Section 2.02, Article 4.07, Section 8.22, Section 8.22.01, Section 8.22.02, Section 8.23, Section 8.23.01 and Section 8.23.02. Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to



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approve the amendments. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Thurman, Speth and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to cancel check #20110392. The check was a duplicate check issued in error. Voting aye were Thurman, Speth, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to vacate all of County Road 107 North of H Road, right-of-way in the East ½ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, NE with the existing fence line serving as the new property line. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Sornson, Freshman, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson, to leave all of County Road 91/156, in the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 3, Township 8N, Range 9E of the 6th P.M., Otoe County, NE and becoming a minimum maintenance road. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman and Thurman. Nay – Commissioner Speth. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to adopt resolution #12-8-20-43 approving the Chairman to sign a Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2020. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Thurman, Speth, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: Project (659) NRCS-EWP-188 Bank stabilization project located at G & 60, Project (657) NRCS-EWP-189 Bank stabilization project located at J & 28 West, and Project (661) NRCS-EWP-191 Bank stabilization project located at I & 26 are being finished up. The West Crew worked on the following project: finished installing a culvert at L & 24 North; driveway at C & 16 South; cleaned out a ditch at P & 30 East. The East Crew removed and replaced a culvert structure at J & 42 West; rebuilt intersection at J & 42. Both crews have been hauling rock for projects only, grading and culvert inventory.

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 9:05 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 22, 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 8th day of December, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger – Otoe County Clerk