



Otoe County Board Minutes



December 22, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 22, 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 Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman 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 Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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, 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 Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, 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.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson, to approve an Economic Growth KENO Grant Application submitted by City of Nebraska City – Sports Complex Project in the amount of \$30,000. The funds will be used to pay for engineering fees to complete the vision, plans and establishing cost of completing the project. After this step, the committee will be able to submit applications for additional grants. Local grants donated the funds to purchase the land for the complex. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Commissioner Thurman abstained. Motion carried.

Dan Mauk, Executive Director of Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corporation, NCAEDC, presented an annual report.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Nebraska Public Employees Local 21 representing Otoe County Road/Highway employees and the County of Otoe County for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024.



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Commissioners voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. 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 done. The West Crew worked on ditching projects at the following locations: E & 24 West, P & 30 East, F & 26 North, Q & 22 West, Q & 6 West, Q & 6 North, Q & 34, P & 22 South. Crews have been hauling rock, 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 January 12, 2021.

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 22nd day of December, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger – Otoe County Clerk