



Otoe County Board Minutes



January 26, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:32 a.m. on January 26, 2021, 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, and Commissioner Parsons. Absent were Commissioner Thurman and Commissioner Crownover.

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, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons 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, Parsons, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Parsons 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 Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve Resolution 1-26-21-2 to adopt the Nemaha Natural Resource Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Scooter Edmisten, presented a KENO application to the Board for the color coat resurfacing of the basketball court located on the Central Avenue side of Steinhart Park. The project would include filling cracks, smoothing the surface and striping. A bid of \$5,500 was received from Tennis Courts Unlimited, Inc. The application is requesting half of the bid amount, \$2,775.00. The KENO grant requires matching funds. Mr. Edmisten stated that a grant application is being submitted to the Wirth Foundation. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve the grant application in the amount of \$2,775.00. Mr. Edmisten will provide a letter showing the approved matching funds before distribution of funds. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Sarah Purcell, Extension Educator, presented the 2020 Annual and Impact reports. Ms. Purcell introduced Karly Black as the new Engagement Zone Coordinator. Ms. Black gave a short presentation on her new role.

Commissioner Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Wyatt Subdivision, a 5.00+- acre tract of land located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S 10, T 9N, R 10E, Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Susie E. Wyatt and Reginald L. Wyatt, Power of Attorney for Glen Wyatt. Site is located 300'+- east of North 18th Road on C Road. David Schmitz, County Surveyor, stated the application was approved by the planning commission with the contingency of the well test being received. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve the subdivision plat of Wyatt Subdivision as presented. Being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Conradi Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S26, T 9N, R 10E, Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Ronald A. Conradi and Shirley M. Conradi, husband and wife. Site is located on E Road 1860'+- East of North 20th Road. Mr. Schmitz stated that a home is being built and there is a rural water permit. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the subdivision plat of Conradi Subdivision as presented. Being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to adopt Resolution #1-26-21-3 approving an agreement with NDOT for Project STP-50-1-(115). The project is for the design and install of roadway lighting at the intersection of N-50 and K Road. The agreement is for a 50/50 split of cost between the State and County. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

John Bebout, Weed Supervisor, presented the annual weed report for 2020. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to accept the report as presented. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to go out for bids for a motor grader. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sornson presented the following road/bridge project in the absence of Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman: Project (431) Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915(1) - Contractor has poured the floors and walls on the south box culvert. The West removed trees at F & 22 and burned brush piles at J & 18. Eight projects were applied for through CBMP and three were approved. All three projects are bridge removals with culvert replacements at the following locations: R & 36 North, M & 36 East; B & 2 East. Mr. Brinkman is working on the One- & Six-Year plan. Both crews have been pushing snow, hauling rock and working on 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 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 9, 2021.



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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 26th day of January 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk