



Otoe County Board Minutes



February 23, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 23, 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, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Thurman and Commissioner Crownover. 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, Thurman, and Crownover. 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, Thurman, Crownover, 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, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson and Freshman. Commissioner Sornson abstained from claims payable to Johnny's Cycle. 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 Thurman, Crownover Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a subdivision plat of Hilltop Subdivision, a 3.00+- acre tract of land located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S 7, T 7N, R 10E, Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Merlin C. Hartman and Connie J. Hartman. Site is located at 1176 S 14th Road. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the subdivision plat of Hilltop Subdivision as presented. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to amend the KENO Funds Policy and Social Investment Grant Application. The amendment adds a permissible use to of funds to provide one time start up funds for new youth programs that include sports teams or other youth activities that participate in Otoe County. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Commissioner Crownover made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to approve a Social Investment Grant Application submitted by Syracuse Rebels Tackle Football in the amount of \$10,000.00. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Vanessa Sherman, Otoe County Central Navigator, presented the Juvenile Diversion and Central Navigation report. Ms. Sherman also presented the 4-Year Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the 4-Year Comprehensive Juvenile Services Plan. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve entering a contract with GWorks for the standard tier of redistricting services for Commissioner boundary lines. The redistricting is required to be reviewed and updated as needed every 10 years. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve Resolution 2-23-21-4 to approve the 1- & 6-Year Road Plan for 2021-2026. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sarah Purcell, Deb Weitzenkamp and Karly Black presented an UNL Extension report.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve Resolution 2-23-21-5 to authorize a tax refund to Charter Title on behalf of City of Nebraska City in the amount of \$1,440.10. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids were opened publicly on February 19, 2021 for the purchase of a new motor grader in the presence of Commissioner Sornson, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, Jeremy Slechta – NMC representative, Taylor Wenzl and Greg Kozisek – Murphy Tractor and Equipment representatives. The bid amounts after trade in are as follows:

Bidder	Model	Amount	Appr. Delivery Date	Notes
Murphy Tractor	672GP	\$228,000.00	30 days	100 hrs on machine
Murphy Tractor	672GP	\$237,000.00	60 days	
NMC – CAT	140-15	\$233,056.00	30 days	Choice of \$20,000 part credit or 5-year premier warranty and \$5,000 parts credit.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the bid submitted by NMC in the amount of \$233,056.00 with the \$20,000 parts credit. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids were opened publicly on February 19, 2021 for materials for the removal of two bridges and other incidental work for Project STWD-CBMP (3): C006610270 and C006653860 in the presence of Commissioner Sornson, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, Jeff Wagner, Mainelli Wagner, Jerry Kerns, representing Kerns Const., Lucas Lorenz, representing Juds Bros., and Cindy Richardson, representing Midwest Construction. The bids are as follows:

Bidder	Amount	Approx. Start Date
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Malone Construction	\$34,500.00	March 15 and April 5, 2021
Kerns Excavating Co., Inc.	\$37,000.00	March 2021
Herbst Construction, Inc.	\$99,100.00	March 22 and April 5, 2021
Judds Bros. Construction, Co.	\$124,500.00	March 15 and April 1, 2021
Midwest Infrastructure, Inc.	\$147,080.00	March 22 and April 5, 2021

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson, to award the bid to Malone Construction in the amount of \$34,500.00. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve Resolution 2-23-21-6 approving a CBMP agreement regarding Project STWD-CBMP (5). Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson called the meeting into recess at 9:31 a.m. and re-entered at 9:45 a.m.

Curt Field, Prochaska and Associates, presented the findings of the Phase One jail study.

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 11:02 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 9, 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 23rd day of February 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk