



Otoe County Board Minutes



June 22, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 22, 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.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Commissioner Sornson abstained from claims payable to Johnny's Cycle. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Thurman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to audit and sign payroll claims. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Ashley Griess, Chief Probation Officer, Chris Reece Probation Solution Coordinator, and Sarah Wiltse, Deputy County Attorney, presented an annual report of probation/drug court services to the Board of Commissioners. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve signing an interlocal agreement for Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court for 2021-2022. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Sornson, to approve the adult drug court budget request of \$15,027.00. The budget request is based on population of the Drug Court district. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve resolution 6-22-21-12 authorizing the increase of the cash-in-lieu of health insurance benefit. The increased benefit will be \$350 per month for full time employees and \$250 per month for full time employees covered by a spouse employed by Otoe County. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding a final plat of Delaware Damme Acres Subdivision, a 4.27+- acre tract located in the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of S25, T8N, R12E, Otoe County, Nebraska as requested by Dean P. Neels and Edwin J Neels, members of Neels Land,



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LLC. The site is located at 677 S 46th Rd. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor/Zoning Administrator, stated the area is over 3 acres, has rural water hook-up and was unanimously approved by the planning board. Parsons made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve the final plat as requested. Voting aye were Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The public hearing scheduled for a conditional use permit requested by Janet Armbrust and James Welch was tabled and will be presented at a future meeting. The date has not been determined.

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, approving resolution 6-22-21-13 to authorize Otoe County as the fiscal agent of the Southeast Nebraska Emergency Management region for the next three years. Otoe County will be responsible for accepting, expending and reporting of grant funds for the region. Voting aye were Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Nicki Kreifels, Otoe County Treasurer, presented a monthly treasurer’s report listing securities and investments for Otoe County.

Bids were opened publicly on June 17, 2021 for construction of a concrete panel repair project. in the presence of Commissioner Sornson, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, Mark Mainelli, Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., and KR Buck, representing Ten Point Construction Co., Inc. The project is referred to as Nebraska City Southeast, C-66(507). Bid amounts are as follows:

Bidder	Amount	Start Date	End Date
Ten Point Construction Co., Inc.	\$273,499.02	9-27-21	10-22-21
Scodeller Construction, Inc.	\$273,972.07	7-19-21	11-31-21

Parsons made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to approve and award the bid to Ten Point Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$273,499.02. Chairman Sornson noted that the project will be a shared cost with OPPD with OPPD paying 70% an Otoe County paying 30%. Voting aye were Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent presented the road report: Project (431): Palmyra Southwest HRRR-7915 (1): need to inspect the project on Wednesday and complete signage; a spring developed in the creek bank on the North box culvert and they are going to put in a drain tile and rip rap to protect the channel. The construction crews have been unloading culverts for projects (640) (641) and (603); replaced a crossover culvert, driveway culvert, ditching, seeding and mulched at G & 46 West; removed debris at R & 14 and B & 26; replaced a bridge plank at M & 44 East; and seeded at 190th and E Road. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock.

Chairman Sornson reminded those attending that the new meeting schedule would start in July 2021 with the next meeting being held on July 6th and every other Tuesday following.

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 9:26 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 6, 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 22nd day of June 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk