



Otoe County Board Minutes



October 26, 2021

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on October 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 the 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 Chairman Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Thurman, and Commissioner Crownover. Absent – Commissioner Parsons.

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 Crownover, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Thurman 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 Freshman, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to approve payment of the regular claims. Voting aye were Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Sornson acknowledged the receipt of monthly securities report submitted by the County Treasurer for September and October 2021.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to adopt Resolution #10-26-21-27 authorizing Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, to conduct a study regarding the vacation of a road. The vacation study is regarding approximately 1000' of County Road 6 located within the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 9, Range 9 in Otoe County. The resolution is for conducting the study and does not approve the vacation. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The public hearing scheduled to rehear a conditional use permit for a dog run facility requested by Janet Armbrust and James and Brandy Welch was tabled. David Schmitz, Otoe County Surveyor and Zoning Administrator, stated that the applicants were not present at the planning meeting held on Oct. 21st and the item was tabled.

Chairman Sornson presented the supervisor's report in Highway Superintendent, Jon Brinkman's absence: Project (665) C Road Paving: the contractor has poured the floor and is working on framing the walls for the box culvert; utilities are working on moving out. The construction crew completed



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Project (641) CBMP D & 8 North; completed road top work and ditching at King & 10 South; replaced drop culverts at Q & 62 West – Bridge 53440. Both crews have been grading and hauling rock and working on culvert inventory.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Thurman, to go into executive session to discuss ARPA funds. Chairman Sornson stated that Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Thurman, and Crownover, County Attorney Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, Nebraska City Finance Commissioner Gloria Glover would be present. Voting aye were Freshman, Thurman, Crownover, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried. Executive session was entered at 8:42 a.m. The meeting resumed at 9:15 a.m. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover to resume the meeting in open session. Voting aye were Thurman, Crownover, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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 9:15 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 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 26th day of October 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk