

December 5, 2023

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 5, 2023, 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 Crownover, and Commissioner Cole. Commissioner Parsons was absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted to the right of the door of the courtroom.

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

Cole 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, Crownover, Cole and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$76,320.74 for the month of November 2023. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover, to approve a service contract with Vanguard Appraisal, Inc. for an archive module. Christi Smallfoot, Otoe County Assessor, explained that the module is an add-on to the current program and will archive the assessor records. This module will assist in the process of becoming paperless. Ms. Smallfoot indicated that by signing a two-year contract, the county would receive a discounted rate. The annual cost is \$3,577.50 annually with the total two-year contract cost being \$7,155.00. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bids for Project C-66 (610), Nebraska City Northwest, were publicly opened on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The bids were to include all labor, materials, transportation, and equipment required for the construction of a three span 91' – 8 ¾" concrete deck slab bridge on a 10-degree skew (lhb) with a 28 ft clear roadway, channel shaping, roadway grading and other related incidental work. County Commissioner Rick Freshman, County Commissioner Chuck Cole, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman were present at the bid opening. Others present to represent bidders were: Jessica Chicoine, KEA Constructors, LLC; Dave Dixon, Dixon Construction;

and Kent Shirley, Simon Contractors. Mark Mainelli, representing Mainelli Wagner Engineering was also present. Bids received for Project C-66 (610):

Contractor	Bid	Start/End Dates
Theisen Construction, Inc.	\$644,936.16	Apr. 15, 2024 / June 28, 2024
K2 Construction	\$714,330.40	Apr. 1, 2024 / June 15, 2024
KEA Constructors, LLC	\$671,001.00	Jan. 1, 2024 / 75 Cal. Days
Dixon Construction	\$576,391.40	Jan. 8, 2024 / Apr. 2, 2024
Simon Contractors	\$717,700.00	Sept. 17, 2024 / Dec. 1, 2024

Cole made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to award the bid for Project C-66 (610) to Dixon Construction in the amount of \$576,391.40. Voting aye were Freshman, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve signing and sending a request for federal funding of county infrastructure, primarily degradation of stream and river channels. The letter will be sent to: Don Bacon, U.S. Congressman; Mike Flood, U.S. Congressman; Adrian Smith, U.S. Congressman; Pete Ricketts, U.S. Senator; Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator; and Julie Slama, NE Senator. The letter explains the effects that stream, and river channel degradation has had on the Otoe County bridge system. The letter is to request special funding for channel degradation to control or stop damage before the loss of more structures. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Cody and Shayla Beecham were present to discuss damages and issues at a location approximately ¼ mile west of 8th and Giles Road. The Beechams expressed concern with actions being taken by another party on the road and the effects that it would have on their access to their residence. Pictures were provided by the Beechams. There was discussion of what options may be available to avoid future issues. Jon Brinkman will visit the area to see about removing the dirt from the county right of way.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the road report: bridge removal and replacement – contractor is driving in pile and is planning to begin setting the deck slabs on Dec. 6, 2023, at E & 22 West, Project (678). Both crews have been working on signs, trees, machine maintenance, rocking and grading roads.

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 5th day of December 2023.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk