



# Otoe County Board Minutes



May 9, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on, May 9, 2017, to audit and sign regular 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 Chairman of the Board, Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Hauptman, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Speth; none absent.

Chairman Freshman 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 Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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 Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons, Speth and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

According to Commissioner Sornson, Road L from S 68<sup>th</sup> Rd to S 70<sup>th</sup> Rd has been closed due to an unsafe bridge. Plans are to replace the bridge with a 10 foot corrugated metal tube. Mainelli Wagner Engineering Firm suggested a 30mph speed design that would require less grading, a shorter tube and fewer acres of right-of-way acquisition in an effort to save money. However, the County would need to request a "relaxation of standards" from the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards allowing the County to lower the normal speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to adopt Resolution 5-9-17-15 requesting the Nebraska Road Classification Board to grant a "Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards" for design speed of 40mph to 30mph for the horizontal alignment at this project located on Road L between S 68<sup>th</sup> Rd and S 70<sup>th</sup> Rd. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Dave Partsch said NDOR contacted him about an agreement with Union Pacific Railroad regarding a railway crossing project on King Road that was signed last year. Verbiage should have been included in the agreement that the County was notified of the upgrade since it affects traffic on a county road. Signature of the supplemental agreement today corrects that oversight. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 92 acknowledging that the State has informed the County about the railway project on King Road located in Otoe County. The County has



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no obligations or duties under this agreement. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$27,564.67 for the month of April 2017. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

In accordance with State Statute 23-3115, the County Board may appoint a county employee to sell surplus property. Mobile items worth more than \$5,000 shall be sold via competitive bidding by sealed bids. The County Board has deemed that the following 3 items are no longer useful to the County and should be declared as surplus: A 1978 Model RT 56B Grove Crane and two 2008 Ford Expeditions. Commissioner Sornson said he would like to advertise the items for sale on Craig's List in addition to running an ad in the Nebraska City News Press. Sealed bids will be opened at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to declare a 1978 Grove Crane and two 2008 Ford Expeditions as surplus and to adopt Resolution 5-9-17-14 authorizing County Road Supervisor, Jon Brinkman, to sell said surplus property by sealed bids. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Freshman said he met with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and Terracon Consultants last September to discuss well monitoring frequency and water sampling events that have taken place since the Otoe County Landfill was closed. All agreed the tests have not identified any significant problems and a proposal was drawn up to reduce the monitoring and sampling events to once a year and to decommission some of the monitoring wells. The cost estimate for 2017 thru 2022 was listed as \$46,175. This reduces the annual cost from an average of \$22,000 to \$8,000. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to authorize the Chairman to sign a Task Order under the Master Services Agreement dated 2/15/2007 between the County and Terracon Consultants, agreeing to the reduction of monitoring and sampling events, decommissioning of certain wells and approving the cost estimate for the next five years. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons, Speth and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

In his absence, Supervisor Jon Brinkman submitted the following written road report:

- All 4 county trucks are hauling rock to the newly built K Rd extension west of the Midwest Co-op grain handling facility
- Contractor will set slabs this week on the Paul North project also known as C-66(551)
- The Otoe North bridge C-66(408) is now open
- Installation of guardrails on Project C-66(584) northeast of Douglas was delayed due to rain. Once installation is complete, the road crew will rock the road before it is re-opened.
- Nemaha Construction is still working on Project C-66(577) west of G-40
- The East Construction Crew continues to work on culvert replacements on Old Hwy 2
- The West Construction Crew is installing a culvert east of B-28

Commissioner Parsons noted that he has received complaints regarding potholes in roadways. Board members agreed that motor grader operators should take their time to grade the roads properly rather than setting a goal for them to cover a given number of miles per day.



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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 Freshman declared this meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 23, 2017.

I, Janene Bennett, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

Janene Bennett  
Otoe County Clerk