



Otoe County Board Minutes



June 13, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 13, 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 Sornson 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 Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman 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 Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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.

Vanessa Sherman, Grants Manager for the Otoe County Juvenile Diversion Programs, presented the Board with a written annual report, outlining the programs and expenditures from the 2016-2017 Crime Commission Grants. Most of it was used to fund contracted services such as Electronic Monitoring and Crisis Response. Their purpose is to provide Otoe County youth with alternatives that deter them from continued involvement in unlawful or risky activities and to keep them out of the court system. Approximately \$21,500 was left unspent last year, but this will not affect the amount that is being awarded this fiscal year. The County has been allocated \$54,119 from the Community-Based Aid Grant and \$12,541 from the Enhanced Grant. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2017-2018 grant award documents agreeing to their terms and conditions. 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.

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 \$62,029.69 for the month of May 2017. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Two bids were received for the sale of a Grove Crane that was declared surplus at a previous meeting. Those submitting a bid were: Rodney Ninchelser, Syracuse - \$2750; and Mike Gibbs, Gilson



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IL - \$3113. Chairman Freshman felt the bids were too low and suggested selling it through Big Iron. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to reject both bids and to sell the crane by listing it with Big Iron, an online auction company. 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.

Darrin Loftus, the developer of North Wind Subdivision, told Board Members that his engineer, Jeff Elliot met with the County's engineer, Mark Mainelli, to review the proposed entrance to his subdivision from C Road. Both agreed to a few minor changes, which will be noted on the final plat when it is presented to the Otoe County Planning Commission on Thursday. The driveway will still come out on C Rd, about 850 feet east of 2nd Road where it was determined to be the best placement for site distance. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve the preliminary plat map for North Wind Subdivision located in the N 1/2 of the NW 1/4 S17-T9-R9 as requested by Darrin Loftus. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioner Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Three bids were received for the sale of a 2008 Ford Expedition, a former patrol vehicle that was declared surplus. Those submitting bids were: John Bebout, Nebraska City - \$2150; Chicago Motors - \$1107; Yousef Dabbagh, Island Lake, IL - \$1268. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to accept the highest bid of \$2150 from John Bebout. 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.

Chairman Freshman explained the benefits of offering a cash-in-lieu payment to Medicare eligible employees as an option to providing group health insurance. In May, a representative from First Concord Benefits Group, met with Commissioners Freshman and Sornson and several Medicare age employees. The cost to purchase Parts B, D and a supplement averaged \$300 to \$325 per month with no deductible. The cost for single coverage of the County's BCBS Health Insurance Plan is \$821. Chairman Freshman said the option is a good deal for the employee as well as the County. The County has offered a \$200 cash-in-lieu payment to its employees since 2002. Many who were covered through their spouse's insurance plan opted to take the cash-in-lieu and waived coverage through the County's Plan. Even though the cash-in-lieu payment will increase from \$200 to \$325, the County will save money in premium costs as Medicare eligible employees start to waive the County insurance. Commissioner Parsons was concerned that the amount of the deductible buy down was going to increase in January from \$500 to \$750. He felt the County was decreasing the benefit for those taking the County's insurance and increasing the benefit for those opting out of the County's plan. Chairman Freshman said the buy down was increased to offset the 15% increase in premium costs. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve Resolution 6-13-17-17 adopting a cash-in-lieu program as an option to providing group health insurance to all of its eligible employees and setting the cash-in-lieu payment at \$325 per month. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – Commissioner Parsons. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge Matters:

Bids were opened and publicly read on June 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. for the abutment/wing repairs of Bridge #C006621435 located west of Intersection G-24 also known as Project C-66(601). Those



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present for the opening were Commissioner Sornson, Engineer Mark Mainelli, Lead Supervisor Jon Brinkman, Cindy Richardson representing Midwest Underground and Jan Denton with Upper Missouri River Corp. Bids included:

| Contractor | Bid Amount | Start / Complete |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Tim Sisco Construction, Firth | \$ 43,364.71 | Mid Aug / September |
| Kerns Excavating, Plattsmouth | \$ 52,606.75 | 9-2-17 / 9-30-17 |
| Midwest Underground, Lincoln | \$ 67,992.00 | 9-6-17 / 9-30-17 |
| Upper Missouri River, Nebraska City | \$ 81,415.30 | 7-15-17 / 8-14-17 |
| JMN Construction, Valley | \$ 89,551.00 | Fall 17 / 25 days from start |
| Ebert Construction, Wamego KS | \$113,108.77 | 7-17-17 / 8-12-17 |

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to award the bid to the low bidder Tim Sisco Construction in the amount of \$43,364.71. Brinkman said Sisco has not done any work in the County yet, but was awarded a bid last September that is scheduled to begin soon. 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.

Only one bid was received regarding the paving of an access entrance from Hwy 50 to the new K Road extension leading to the Co-op’s grain facility. Pavers Inc bid \$34,897.85 to do the work. Mr. Mainelli said the bid was close to the original estimate. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to award the bid to Pavers Inc in the amount of \$34,897.85. 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.

Regarding Bridge Replacement Project BRO-7066(43): Supervisor Brinkman said the new bridge was originally designed by Mainelli Wagner Engineering. Within the terms of this Task Order Agreement, Mainelli Wagner agrees to provide engineering services during its construction. The estimated fee listed is \$3,539.11 with the County’s share being 12.5% of the total cost. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to adopt Resolution 6-13-17-18 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Task Order Agreement with Mainelli Wagner & Associates who agree to provide construction engineering services for Project BRO-7066(43) located southwest of Syracuse. 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.

Regarding High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) Project 7915(1) located southwest of Palmyra: Supervisor Brinkman said this project includes replacement of Structure M1905B0705 which is located within the corporate limits of Palmyra. However, the road leading to the bridge has been designated as “high risk” and will be straightened out (when the new bridge is constructed) to make it safer for traveling. Palmyra is responsible for the bridge replacement, but the County will act the “flow through agent” in order for the Village to receive federal funds. Olsson and Associates contracted with the County in May of 2016 to perform the preliminary studies and design engineering. The terms of Supplemental Agreement #1 between Olsson Associates and the County includes final design and right-of-way services that were not included in the original agreement for an additional fee not to exceed \$24,892.61. The County’s share is 10% of the total cost involving the road design and ROW; the County is not liable for any of the bridge design costs. Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to sign Resolution 6-13-17-19 authorizing the Chairman to sign Supplemental Agreement #1 for HRRR Project 7915(1) accepting its terms described above. 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.



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Lead Supervisor report:

- Project BRO-7066(29) – replacement of two bridges northwest of Nebraska City on N 60th Road: Ready to stake out where the new bridges will be constructed so the utilities can make plans for moving lines and adjacent landowners will be prepared for ROW acquisition.
- The K Road bridge is done; need to finish the approaches and pave access to Hwy 2
- West crew has finished work south of M-4; Cleaned out ditches near F-26 and G-8 to correct water drainage from the roadways; Working on small projects south of N-22 and north of O-20; Will start to install a culvert on N Road between Roads 20 and 22
- East crew have begun the dirt work on Project C-66(551) north of Paul; Completed installation of culverts on old Hwy 2; Installed a culvert at M-68

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 9:26 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 27, 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 13th day of June 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk