



Otoe County Board Minutes



June 27, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on June 27, 2017, to audit and sign payroll claims and 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 Courtroom. Additional copies are available upon request.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman 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 Hauptman 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.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to audit and sign payroll 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.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to approve payment of the regular claims with the exception of a claim in the amount of \$200 submitted by Zach Cavalier for the repair of eye glasses. 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 for the purchase of a new patrol vehicle. Larson Motors offered a bid with three options.

Option 1) a 2017 RAM 1500 SSV - sale price of \$28,269.00 less trade-in and government concessions for a total bid of \$18,769

Option 2) a 2017 Dodge Durango AWD - \$26,053 less trade-in and government concessions for a total of \$16,803

Option 3) a 2017 Dodge Durango RWD - \$24,687 less trade-in and government concessions for a total bid of \$15,187. The trade-in value for a 2009 F150 Ford Pickup of \$9250 was the same for all 3 options. Sheriff Gress took the bid sheet to review and will return later with a recommendation.

Desaray Johnson, Family Development Specialist with SENCA, came before the Board to give a quarterly report for the months of April thru June. She said they served 84 people by providing assistance with food, rent and utilities. She has opened a satellite office in Syracuse where she will be available one day a month.



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Regarding Project HRRR-7915(1): Glen Steffensmeier, the NDOR Project Coordinator, said this is a High Risk Rural Road priority project. The NEPA agreement needs to be signed and approved before the NDOR On-Call Service contractor (Felsburg Holt & Ullevig) can begin the required environmental study. The consultants will need to enter private property by foot to conduct wetland delineation in order to get a Corp Permit and perform other environmental testing. He asked for the County's help in getting permission from the landowner. Commissioner Parsons said the landowner may be difficult to work with. Steffensmeier, Brinkman and others are meeting at the site tomorrow to conduct a Plan In Hand review. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to sign Resolution 6-27-17-20 authorizing the Chairman to sign the NEPA On-Call Agreement with Felsburg Holt & Ullevig to conduct all environmental studies relevant to Project HRRR-7915(1) located southwest of Palmyra. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman asked for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the final plat for North Wind Subdivision. Jesse Simons, representing the Developer, asked for board approval. Dave Schmitz, County Zoning Administrator, said they have complied with all requirements; the Planning Commission approved the final plat by a vote of 6 to 1. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve the final plat of North Wind Subdivision located in the N1/2 NW1/4 S17-T9-R9 as requested by Darrin Loftus and to authorize the Chairman to sign the same. 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 opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding approval of a plat for Lincoln Grove Subdivision. Zoning Administrator, Dave Schmitz, said the 7.20 acre tract includes an existing house, but not all of the farm buildings. Therefore, a driveway and utility easement was drawn in to ensure access to the outbuildings. There being no further comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for Lincoln Grove Subdivision located in the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of S26-T7-R13 as requested by Shirley Pfeiffer, a life estate; Lora and Kevin Barrett; Larry and Teresa Pfeiffer; Betty and Ricky Kuehn and Richard Pfeiffer. 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.

Sheriff Gress returned to the meeting to recommend the purchase of the 2017 AWD Durango as the most suitable patrol vehicle to fit his needs. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to accept the bid price of \$26,053 less concessions and the trade-in valued at \$9250 for a total amount of \$16,803. 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.

County Attorney Dave Partsch said the Child Support Enforcement contract with Stephen Kraviec expires July 1st. Mr. Kraviec has provided legal services for child support enforcement for the past 17 years. However, Mr. Partsch has hired a second deputy attorney who will eventually take over this duty. He said Mr. Kraviec is willing to continue his services on a month to month basis; therefore, he recommended the Board not renew the annual contract. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to continue using the legal services of Stephen Kraviec, payable



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on a month to month basis until the County Attorney's Office is prepared to assume the duties. 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 briefly reviewed the terms of an interlocal agreement with the City of Nebraska City regarding 911 and dispatch services. Since he is the City Attorney for Nebraska City and the Otoe County Attorney, he noted that negotiations of the terms were made among the county board and city council members. Representing the County were Commissioners Freshman and Sornson and Chief Deputy Holland; City Officials included Mayor Bryan Bequette, Finance Commissioner Gloria Glover, City Administrator Grayson Path and Chief of Police Dave Lacy. Partsch drafted the agreement based on the terms agreed by both parties. Within its terms, the City will contract with the County for the operation of an Enhanced 911 System for telephone exchanges. The City shall pay 29% of the County's joint expenses incurred for the equipment and software necessary to operate the 911 Center which will be paid with interest over a ten year period. Each entity will purchase its own radios. In addition, the City will pay the County \$4,987.50 per month as consideration for providing 24-hour dispatch service. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to adopt Resolution 6-27-17-21 authorizing the Chairman to sign and enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Nebraska City regarding Enhanced 911 Emergency Dispatch Services. 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.

Chief Deputy Mike Holland and Tony Kosiba, a representative from Motorola, came before the Board to review the pricing sheet submitted by Motorola for the purchase and installation of Enhanced 911 equipment. Holland said the current radio system is 15 years old. Otoe County officers cannot communicate with the State Patrol who began moving to a different frequency 10 years ago, working their way from the western end of the state to the east. Their intent is to integrate all law enforcement (city, county and state) onto one statewide system so that they will be able to communicate with each other. The new system will also include records management that allows an officer to enter an incident report on a laptop in his vehicle; then the information is automatically shared with all affected agencies. Kosiba said the proposal contains routine updates every two years, including software and hardware replacements. Commissioner Sornson said the County and City have been working on this proposal for several months. It was noted the fire departments and rescue squads will continue to use the old UHF frequency system. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to purchase the Enhanced 911 System from Motorola for the quoted price of \$1,584,273.36 that includes installation. 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.

Emergency Management Director Gregg Goebel furnished each board member with a written annual report. Goebel said EMA is responsible for developing and maintaining emergency operation plans, coordinating multiple training exercises countywide, monitoring severe weather and responding to emergency calls. There were 12 trackable weather events last fiscal year and over 7900 volunteer hours were logged. Deputy EM Director Steve Cody reported that he worked closely with 16 southeast counties to form a 911 region so that they could share the cost to purchase 911 Call-taking equipment. He is now involved with Next Generation 911 and FirstNet implementation.

County Attorney Dave Partsch recommended that the Board approve renewing the interlocal agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center for juvenile detention services. He said the



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Otoe County Judge usually sends youth to the Sarpy County Detention Center because the holding cost is cheaper; however, if that facility is full, Otoe County needs to have a back-up plan. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Lancaster County Youth Services Center who will provide juvenile detention services at the rate of \$276 per day if the need arises. 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.

The County Clerk reported that the budgets of the County Board and Jail Facility do not have sufficient funds to cover their obligations for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. In accordance with state law, budgets may be adjusted within the General Fund by transferring amounts from one budget to another so that none end in a negative balance at the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to sign Resolution 6-27-17-22 transferring \$705.60 from the General Miscellaneous Budget to the Commissioners Budget and Resolution 6-27-17-23 transferring \$25,980.11 from General Miscellaneous Budget to the Jail Facility Budget. 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.

Lead Road Supervisor Jon Brinkman gave the following report:

- Finished backfill and ditching south of N-22
- Finished backfilling culvert east of O-22
- Fixed ditch north of O-20
- Moved west of O-14 to install 3 driveway culverts and ditching
- Crew starting to install culvert east of N-20 Project (597)
- Backfilled bridge, moving road and installing culverts north of N-60
- Culvert complete west of G-40; need to seed and add silt fencing
- Will start project east of B-40 this week - weather permitting
- A power line is down on S 58th Rd between Roads O and P and probably will remain down for the entire week

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 9:34 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 11, 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 27th day of June 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk