



Otoe County Board Minutes



August 28, 2018

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 28, 2018, 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 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 Sornson 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.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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 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 Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

In accordance with State Statutes 77-3442 and 77-3443, it is the County Board's responsibility to determine the allocation of levy authority to the Rural Fire Districts, Hospital District and Ag Society. Chairman Freshman introduced Resolution 8-28-18-32 listing each valuation, tax request and calculated levy. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 8-28-18-32 allocating levies to meet the tax requests submitted by the political subdivisions listed above. 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.

By September 1st of any given year, elected officials and department heads are required to submit Inventory Statements to the County Board listing all personal property in the custody of each office holder with a value of \$1000 or more. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to approve the 2018 inventory statements as presented by the elected officials and department heads. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote.



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Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The County Clerk received a services renewal agreement from Election Systems & Software who has provided election services to the County for over 24 years which include ballot layout, coding and printing of the ballots. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the County Clerk to sign the renewal agreement with ES & S to provide election services to the County for a period of three years beginning September 1, 2018. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye are Commissioners Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons, Speth and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Five Rivers RC & D is developing a proposal to be submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for Household Hazardous Waste Collections for Grant Year 2019. The funding source requires matching funds, including in-kind matching from Five Rivers and the eight-county area partners. Therefore, Five Rivers is asking each partner to compose a letter of commitment to the Grant Review Committee assuring support for the project by furnishing in-kind services when the collections are held. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of commitment in support of the Hazardous Waste Collection event. 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.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to declare a 2004 Dodge Durango as surplus since it no longer useful to the County. The vehicle will be advertised for sale with solicitation of sealed bids. 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.

Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of a notice submitted by the Otoe County Treasurer listing an amount of \$25,056.21 of personal property taxes that remain unpaid as of 6/30/18. Distress warrants were issued to these taxpayers on November 1, 2017.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman submitted the following report:

- Project (616): The contractor is getting ready to pour the floor for the concrete box culvert located north of G-2. Work has been delayed due to recent heavy rains.
- Project (557) east of P-64: Contractor has removed old culvert and ready to install new one when weather cooperates
- Project (617) east of P-70: Old culvert has been removed and road has been backfilled
- West Crew working north of Q-22, ditching and culvert replacement
- East Crew completed culvert replacement north of F-54; currently working north of E-57

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the plat of Corgi Hill subdivision located in the SE ¼ SW ¼ S31-T9-R11as requested by Gayle and Brenda Schomerus. Surveyor, David Schmitz, said the Schomerus's have built a new home at 2477 G Rd and want to separate the acreage from the 80 acre farm. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for Corgi Hill Subdivision located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 S31-T9-R11. There being no further comments, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Superintendent Brinkman asked that any action regarding Project HRRR-7915(1) be tabled until it is determined whether to use onsite wetland mitigation or not. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to table approval of Supplemental Agreement #2 with Olsson Associates involving Project HRRR-7915(1). 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.

Brinkman presented a resolution regarding the completion of Federal Aid Project BRO-7066(32) east of Midwest Farmers Co-op. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to adopt Resolution 8-28-18-33 signifying the County's final acceptance of Project BRO-7066(32); that the signage and traffic control are appropriate; and the County accepts all future maintenance. 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 briefly reviewed the proposed budget for FY19. Over \$800,000 had to be cut from the original budget requests in order to meet the lid requirements. The overall valuation increased slightly, resulting in a lower levy than the previous year. The official public hearing will be held at the September 11th meeting with a final adoption.

Tom Bliss, SENDD Executive Director, said he assumed his position about 1 ½ years ago. His goal is to work with local, state and federal agencies to determine projects that will benefit home owners; then secure funding to achieve them. His primary focus has been on housing. People who qualify can get up to \$25,000 to refurbish their existing homes.

Trey Ertmer is the new Business Loan Officer who works mainly with the "Revolving Loan Fund Program". Its purpose is to stimulate economic development and employment opportunities for small businesses.

Betsy Goodman works closely with the Villages and Cities conducting income surveys and finding grants that will fund repairs and rehabilitation of public buildings and help meet ADA requirements on public properties. She also mentioned money being available for down payment assistance and remodeling of private homes in targeted areas.

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 9:32 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 11, 2018.

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 28th day of August, 2018.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk