



# Otoe County Board Minutes



December 27, 2016

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:45 a.m. on December 27, 2016, 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 Syracuse Journal Democrat 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 Vice-Chairman of the Board, Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Hauptman, Commissioner Lade and Commissioner Sornson; Commissioner Nelsen was absent.

Vice-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, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Hauptman, Sornson and Lade. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Lade, Freshman and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Other business matters were addressed at this time.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign a food service contract with Region V who prepares meals for the inmates being held in the County Jail. The County agrees to pay Region V \$8.64 per day per prisoner to prepare three daily meals. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Hauptman, Sornson and Lade. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to adopt Resolution 12-27-16-41 setting the start time for the regular Commissioner meetings to 8:30 a.m. beginning with the first regular meeting in January. They will continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Otoe County Courtroom unless otherwise posted. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Sornson, Lade and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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Upon the recommendation of the Otoe County Visitors Committee, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to appoint Sue Saathoff to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Rasmus Thorgeson who is moving out of town. Her term will expire December 31, 2019. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Lade, Freshman and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the plat of Stall Acres Subdivision located in the SE 1/4 of S3-T9-R9 as requested by Gary R and Christine A Stall. Zoning Administrator, Dave Schmitz, said he did a core survey of the entire quarter section. Lot 1 consisting of 3.36 acres will be sold and a new home will be built on Tract 3-A consisting of 10.07 acres. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the plat for Stall Acres Subdivision located in the SE 1/4 S3-T9-T9 as requested by Gary and Christine Stall. Voting aye were Commissioners Lade, Freshman, Hauptman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Freshmen opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding proposed revisions of the 2016 Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. Keith Marvin, who was hired as a consultant for this project, was available to answer questions. Gordon Anderson from the Omaha Public Works Department expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship he has had with Otoe County for the past several years. The revised regulations for sludge application are similar to those being enforced in other counties which have been proven to work well; therefore, he was in favor of that portion of the new regulations. Commissioner Freshman noted he received a phone call from Stephanie Shrader who serves on the Otoe County Planning Commission. She asked that the various “zones districts” be defined in the definition section of the manual. Mr. Marvin said the zoning regulations will be available online under the GIS Zoning Tab. As the Zoning Administrator, Mr. Schmitz will be given pdf files so that he will be able to make minor changes as needed without going through a consultant. One of the major revisions is to implement “Flex Zones” which allow business establishments along the highways without going through the process of a zone change. There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve the proposed zoning and subdivision regulations as presented. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Hauptman, Sornson and Lade. Nay – none. Motion carried. The 2016 Zoning and Subdivision Regulations will be formally adopted by resolution at the next meeting.

Lead Road Supervisor, Jon Brinkman reported that the contractor is laying the floor on the south end of the bridge west of Dunbar. Another contractor who was working on the bridge north of Otoe has shut down for the holidays. They will try to get the bridge temporarily opened by the second or third week of January; then close it again in the spring to finish up.

Lisa Chaney, Juvenile Justice Team Coordinator and County Attorney Dave Partsch came before the Board to review grant applications, service contracts and a revised community plan - all related to juvenile justice programs in Otoe County. Mr. Partsch said applying for a Community-Based grant and the Community-Based Aid Enhancement grant is an annual process. It is their goal to expand juvenile detention alternatives, such as increasing the use of tracking devices which are monitored by Sarpy County. They intend to implement a new program with Heartland Family Services who provide “Crisis Mediation & Response” services, a resource that law enforcement may utilize when responding to a conflict between parents and child/children. Another proposal includes the monitoring of more community service hours that are assigned to juveniles. Ms. Sherman has been interviewing



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students and their families trying to determine why kids are not showing up for classes, which is a truancy violation. Mr. Partsch believes that getting youth involved and educated will help eliminate juvenile behavioral problems. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to approve the 2017 Community-Based Grant Application, to approve the 2017 Community-Based Aid Enhancement Grant Application, to approve the contract with Heartland Family Services, to approve a contract with Language Linc Services and to approve the Revised Juvenile Services Community Plan for submittal to the Nebraska Crime Commission. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Sornson, Lade and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Dave Partsch said he had asked for a closed session to be placed on the agenda. However, Beatrice Concrete Company has not changed the dollar amount offered as settlement for damages to a county bridge that collapsed when one of their trucks was crossing it; therefore, there is no need to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Partsch said he will deny acceptance of the offer.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Vice-Chairman Freshman declared this meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next regular and reorganizational meeting will be held on January 10, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 2016.

Janene Bennett  
Otoe County Clerk