



Otoe County Board Minutes



Board of Equalization
January 10, 2017

At 8:20 a.m. a meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order by Commissioner Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Hauptman, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Speth.

Commissioner Freshman informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Courtroom.

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

The meeting was turned over to the County Clerk for the election of the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2017. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Sornson nominated Commissioner Freshman as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Rick Freshman to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2017. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Parsons, Speth Freshman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2017. Commissioner Hauptman nominated Commissioner Sornson as Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2017. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2017. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At 8:25 a.m. Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the applications for motor vehicle tax exemption. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed. Ten qualifying nonprofit organizations submitted applications for tax exemption on motor vehicles driven to attend medical, educational or charitable events. They include the Community Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, Otoe County Veteran Van Committee, Nebraska City; the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Syracuse; First Baptist Church, Nebraska City, American Legion Post #8, Nebraska City; American Legion Post #246, Talmage, St Mary's Community Hospital, Nebraska City, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, Omaha; Lourdes Central Catholic School, Nebraska City; and Heartland Church Network, Omaha. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve the ten applications for tax exemption from motor vehicle taxes as presented 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.



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County Assessor, Therese Gruber, presented the following tax list corrections: 1) Deduct \$106.72 – Parcel 000684500: Adjust clerical error on homestead exemption. 2) Deduct \$10,368.18 – Parcel 004693500: Real estate was bought by exempted entity; entity intended to lease out it out for profit (taxable use), but changed its use to an exempt purpose as a well field. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to approve the tax list corrections as presented. 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.

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 the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

I, Janene Bennett, County Clerk for 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 my seal this 10th day of January 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk