



Otoe County Board Minutes



January 10, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on January 10, 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 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 Commissioner Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Hauptman, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Speth; none absent.

Commissioner 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, Commissioner 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 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, 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 a new Chairman of the Board for year 2017. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Sornson nominated Commissioner Rick Freshman as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Hauptman 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 for year 2017. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons, Speth and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for election of a Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2017. Commissioner Parsons nominated Commissioner Jerad Sornson as Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2017. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Hauptman 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 year 2017. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Freshman made the following miscellaneous board appointments for year 2017:

SEND (Southeast Nebraska Development District): Commissioner Hauptman will serve as Otoe County representative with Commissioner Sornson named as alternate.

NCAEDC (Nebraska City Area Economic Development Corporation): Commissioner Freshman will serve as the Otoe County representative with Commissioner Sornson named as alternate.



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REGION V: Commissioner Speth will serve as the Otoe County representative with Commissioner Sornson named as alternate.

RC & D (Five Rivers Resource Conservation & Development): Commissioner Parsons will serve as the Otoe County representative with Commissioner Sornson named as alternate.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to designate the Nebraska City News Press and the Otoe County Website as the official means of providing public notices during the year 2017. 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.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to appoint the following financial institutions as depositories for Otoe County in 2017: Arbor Bank, Premier Bank, American National Bank, Commercial State Bank, and First Nebraska Bank, all of Nebraska City; First Bank of Nebraska, Syracuse Branch; Countryside Bank of Unadilla; Tri-Valley Bank of Talmage; Farmers & Merchants Bank of Palmyra and NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust). 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.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve payment of the regular claims. 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.

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 \$25,335.20 for the month of December 2016. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-117 Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of the quarterly report from the County Sheriff denoting the amount of certain fees collected, from whom and for what service. The total amount received in the fourth quarter of the year was \$10,727.95.

Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending December 31, 2016, of the petty cash accounts held by Janene Bennett, County Clerk; Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management; Teresa Johnson, Child Support Officer; Jan Reed, Register of Deeds; Jim Gress, Sheriff; Dave Partsch, County Attorney; Janis Riege, Clerk of the District Court and Cindy Cich, County Court Magistrate. Said reports will be kept on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Lead Road Supervisor, Jon Brinkman, gave the following report:

- Bridge Project (408) North of Otoe – contractor wrapping it up this week; will open road next week; then shut down again in the spring to finish up
- Bridge Project (585) South of I-42 – south span has been set; now driving piling
- Bridge Project (490) Syracuse West –south guard rail has been poured; plan to open week of January 23rd
- Railroad line owned by OPPD is being used again. Chairman Freshman said OPPD agreed they would check all crossings before running the trains to ensure they were marked with proper signage.



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Chairman Freshman introduced Resolution 1-10-17-01 that would approve and adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan. As required, a public hearing was held during the last meeting of December with no objectionable comments. Zoning Administrator, Dave Schmitz, said he has been working with the Planning Commission and Keith Marvin (professional consultant) to rewrite the 2002 Plan for the past three years and recommended its adoption. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 1-10-17-01 incorporating, approving and adopting the Comprehensive Plan 2016 for Otoe County. 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. Subsequently, Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 1-10-17-02 incorporating, approving and adopting the 2016 Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for Otoe County. 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.

Sheriff Jim Gress came before the Board to request permission to purchase two patrol vehicles. He would like to purchase a Dodge Charger and a pickup to replace a 2011 Dodge Ram pickup and a 2008 Ford Expedition, both vehicles with over 130,000 miles. Specifications will be written with the option to bid with or without trade-in allowances. Sheriff Gress said he has already acquired the state bid, but would like to give dealers a chance to bid as well. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to grant Sheriff Gress permission to advertise for bids for the purchase of two new patrol vehicles. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Commissioner Parsons abstained due to a potential conflict of interest. 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 this meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on January 24, 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 10th day of January 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk