



Otoe County Board Minutes



April 11, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on, April 11, 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 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 meeting room. 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 Parsons 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.

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 Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Nicki Baker, Otoe County Treasurer, requested the release of pledged securities with Arbor Bank in the aggregate amount of \$7,980,000 leaving the pledged security amount at the market value of \$5,067,456.41. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the release in pledged securities as presented by the County Treasurer. 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.

Mrs. Baker then explained the contents of proposed Resolution 4-11-17-11. She said Arbor Bank suggested that the County use a Letter of Credit to secure funds rather than Pledged Securities. If Arbor Bank would default, the County's money would be secured by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, a bank with over \$61,000,000,000 in total assets. Pledged securities are purchased with bonds; their value changes with market value. However, a Letter of Credit does not fluctuate over the entire period of time that it is in force. Another benefit of the Letter of Credit is that it provides immediate security whereas pledges can take days to process. County Attorney Dave Partsch agreed – the Letter of Credit is a good option, ensuring that the County's money is secured at all times. Mrs. Baker said she also spoke with the Deputy State Auditor who has recommended this form of securing funds in the past. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to adopt Resolution 4-11-17-11 allowing and authorizing the County Treasurer to use Standby Letters of Credit as an alternative source of collateral to guarantee the safe return of County deposits that are



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not insured by the FDIC. 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.

Chairman Freshman announced that Mike Cooper cancelled his 8:35 a.m. appointment late yesterday.

Supervisor Jon Brinkman said the Road Department plans to rent only one tractor this year. KanEquip in Syracuse offered to lease the County a tractor for \$1200 a month, which is the same rate as last year. The term would be for six months or \$24.00 per hour x 300 hour minimum for a total of \$7200.00. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve a lease with KanEquip accepting the terms as presented above. 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.

Regarding Project C-66(408) located north of Otoe: A large portion of the bank at the north abutment was very wet and sliding into the channel. Upon weeks of observation, the problem did not subside. So, the engineer met with the contractor and determined that a drainage field was needed to stabilize the bank. The cost to install drain tile, filter fabric and more rock came to \$14,695.66. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve Change Order #1 for Project C-66(408) regarding the additional work needed to stabilize the north creek bank. 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.

For the past several years, Mainelli Wagner & Associates have been conducting the annual routine bridge inspections as required by NDOR. For 2017, the proposed rate per bridge is \$124, which is the same as last year. According to Brinkman, all bridges 20' or longer must be inspected every other year. This year, there should be approximately 130 bridges at a cost of \$16,120.00. Commissioners Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to accept the proposal from Mainelli Wagner at the rate of \$124 per bridge and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. 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.

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 \$30,480.00 for the month of March 2017. 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 first quarter of the year was \$12,055.27.

Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending March 31, 2017, 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 Supervisor progress report as given by Jon Brinkman:

- The west end construction crew is finishing up the dirt work on the Douglas East (584) project



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- Midwest Underground is working on Project (551) north of Paul and the construction of K Rd west of the Co-op's grain handling facility
- Nemaha Construction started work to install a new culvert on G Rd west of 40th Rd known as Project (577)
- A contractor is finishing the grade work and seeding on Project (408) north of Otoe
- The east end construction crew is replacing 3 culverts on old Hwy 2 in preparation for the overlay project which is being let for bids on April 21st.
- A traffic counter was placed on Road 46 between Talmage and Lorton to monitor traffic usage while NDOR is replacing a bridge on Hwy 128

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 8:50 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 25, 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 11th day of April 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk