



Otoe County Board Minutes



July 11, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on July 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 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 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, 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 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 Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Lead Road Supervisor, Jon Brinkman, presented a list of three county-owned pickups that are no longer being used. As the Sheriff Department purchases new patrol vehicles, the older models are being transferred to the Road Department. The list included a 1997 GMC 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup; a 2000 Chevrolet 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup; and a 2004 Chevrolet 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup. According to State Statute 23-3115, the County Board can authorize a county employee to sell surplus property. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to sign Resolution 7-11-17-24 authorizing Jon Brinkman to sell the three pickups as described above. 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.

Brinkman explained that NDOR hires a contractor to conduct fracture critical bridge inspections in each county every two years. There are 20 bridges that must be inspected this year in Otoe County. Federal share of the total cost is 80% while the County is responsible for 20%. The County's share is estimated at \$9,209.55 and will be paid with Soft Match Credit. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to sign Resolution 7-11-17-25 authorizing the Chairman to sign the 2017 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection Agreement with NDOR accepting the terms outlined 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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Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to declare the following vehicles as surplus: 1) a 1997 GMC 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup truck; 2) a 200 Chevrolet 3/4 ton 4x4 pickup truck; 3) a 2004 Chevrolet 1/2 ton 4x4 pickup truck. These trucks will be sold by advertising for sealed bids. 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 solicited quotes for the purchase of inventory metal culverts. He received offers from the following three vendors:

Vendor	Total cost	Estimated Delivery
Metal Culverts	\$14,958.80	3-4 weeks
Midwest Service & Sales	\$18,594.58	2 weeks
Contech	\$14,884.50	30 days

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to purchase the culverts from the low bidder, Contech, for the quoted price of \$14,884.50. 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.

Supervisor Brinkman gave the following project report:

- Project (577) has been completed – location west of G-40
- Contractor has begun work on Project (578) east of B-40
- Contractor is on site working on Project BRO-7066(43) located southwest of Syracuse
- He will meet with NDOR and the utility company this week at the BRO-7066(29) site northwest of Nebraska City
- West crew finishing ditching project west of O-14 and moving to C Rd near Woodland Hills to fill in dirt along edge of blacktop; From there they will move to N-20 to replace a culvert
- East Crew is finishing dirt work for Project (551) north of Paul including installation of a silt fence and seeding; From there they will be cleaning out debris from multiple culverts and bridges; then to Project (543) west of L-54

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 \$130,900.42 for the month of June 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 second quarter of the year was \$11,649.71.

Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of the financial reports for quarter ending June 30, 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.

It is the County's responsibility to provide care and safekeeping to certain acutely mentally ill individuals who are under the County's lawful authority pursuant to Nebraska State Statutes. Region V Systems has provided such care for the past several years, but the agreement must be renewed annually. There will be no increase in rates, so the cost per day remains a \$191.00. Upon review and the recommendation of the County Attorney, Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by



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Commissioner Speth to sign and renew the Agreement for EPC (Emergency Protective Custody) Services between Region V Systems and 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. The duration of this agreement is effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

For the past several years the Otoe County Sheriff's Department has provided law enforcement services for the City of Syracuse. Upon the recommendation of the County Attorney, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to sign Resolution 7-11-17-26 to approve, ratify and accept the terms of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Syracuse to provide law enforcement services and to authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement. Commissioner Sornson noted there are no changes from the previous terms – Syracuse agrees to pay the County \$180,000 per year; the term is for three years commencing October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2020. 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. The agreement will be taken to the Syracuse City Council for their approval and full execution.

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 8:52 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on, July 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 July 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk