



# Otoe County Board Minutes



July 25, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on July 25, 2017, 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 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 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 Hauptman 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.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to audit and sign payroll 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.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Parsons 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 Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Sarah Purcell, Extension Educator, came before the Board to give her quarterly report. Ms Purcell said she was elected to the UNL faculty senate. One of the benefits for serving is to be assigned an intern to help in the extension office over the summer to earn credit hours. She also has a 4-H aide. Both girls, with the help of several other volunteers, have conducted 29 Summer Workshops for area youth that included crafts, cooking and other fun and educational activities. Ms Purcell helped sponsor a group of 43 4-H youth on a trip to Washington DC where they participated in a citizenship/leadership conference. The Otoe County Fair starts tomorrow and runs through Sunday.

Regarding the renewal of a subgrant agreement between the Clerk of the District Court and the Department of Health and Human Services: By entering into said agreement, the County is reimbursed for the District Court Clerk's assistance in providing pertinent information to judicial and law enforcement officials so that child support enforcement duties can be performed. The agreement was reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign the subgrant agreement



# Otoe County Board Minutes



between DHHS and Otoe County; said award being effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. 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.

Emergency Management Director Gregg Goebel presented an interlocal agreement that is up for renewal. Five years ago, 14 southeast counties in Nebraska created the “Southeast Region” that ensures emergency management coordination, planning, training and mutual aid among the counties. County Attorney Partsch expressed some concerns, but approved its execution since there is a provision to withdraw by giving a 90 day notice. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to authorize the Chairman to sign the interlocal agreement whereby the counties of Cass, Gage, Fillmore, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York agree to provide for cooperative public safety services by and among the region. 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.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding Hilltop Subdivision located in the N 1/2 SE 1/4 S24-T7-R13 as requested by Cody L and Toni L Stutheit. Surveyor Dave Schmitz said the Stutheits are selling 4 acres off the 80 acre farmstead. The subdivision was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hilltop Subdivision as requested by Cody and Toni Stutheit; site located at 1624 S 60<sup>th</sup> Road. 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.

Surveyor Schmitz said Joyce Neemann withdrew her request for a subdivision. She decided to keep the house with the farm located at 1375 N 12<sup>th</sup> Road.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> bids were opened and publicly read in the presence of Commissioner Rick Freshman; Lead Supervisor, Jon Brinkman; Engineer Jeff Wagner; and representatives from Midwest Service and Sales and Ace-Eaton Metals. Four vendors submitted the following bids for the purchase of triple 120” x 45’ corrugated metal pipes with steel headwalls and wingwalls:

Vendor	Amount	Delivery
Contech, Lincoln	\$54,075.00	10 weeks
Metal Culverts, Jefferson City	\$59,974.00	4-6 weeks
Ace-Eaton Metals, Kearney	\$58,700.00	6-10 weeks
Midwest Service & Sales, Schuyler	\$57,988.97	10 weeks

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to award the bid to the low bidder, Contech, in the amount of \$54,075. 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 culverts will be installed by the County road crew on Road L between Roads 68 and 70 known as Project C-(599).

The same four vendors submitted bids to supply metal culverts and other materials needed to construct Projects C-66(615) located on Road N between Roads 12 and 14 and C-66(567) located on Road 2 between Roads I and J in Otoe County; Projects C-64(309) and C-64(313) in Nemaha County; and Projects C-78(726) and C-78(727) in Saunders County. Brinkman said these six projects are part of the county bridge match program where the counties bid together to get better pricing.



# Otoe County Board Minutes



Each county pays its share of the materials; then gets reimbursed by NDOR. The following bids were submitted:

Vendor	Amount	Delivery
Contech, Lincoln	\$240,078.00	10 weeks
Metal Culverts, Jefferson City	\$279,982.85	8-10 weeks
Ace-Eaton Metals, Kearney	\$292,714.90	18-20 weeks
Midwest Service & Sales, Schuyler	\$266,211.69	10-11 weeks

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to award the bid to the low bidder, Contech, in the amount of \$240,078.00. Otoe County's project share is \$78,491.50. 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.

Road/bridge report as given by Jon Brinkman:

- Project C-66(578) east of B-40 is complete and road opened
- Contractor has moved on site for Project C-66(365) south of P-28
- Project C-66(551) north of Paul is complete and road opened
- Bridge #01515 north of R-14 was closed upon NDOR inspection; engineer will examine to determine whether it can be repaired and reopened
- East construction crew removed debris from multiple locations; they have moved on to Project C-66(543) located west of L-54, reshaping channel to install new culvert
- West construction crew completed shouldering at Woodland Hills; currently working on Bridge #10705 north of Q-6
- Blade operators continue to work on ditching projects and grading roads while truckers haul rock

Chairman Freshman acknowledged receipt of the Distress Warrant Report submitted by the County Sheriff, indicating a total of \$26,010.48 unpaid personal property taxes.

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to adopt Resolution 7-25-17-27 directing the County Treasurer to issue Tax Sale Certificates on those parcels upon which there are one year delinquent real estate taxes or special assessments. 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

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 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 8, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

Janene Bennett  
Otoe County Clerk