



Otoe County Board Minutes



September 12, 2017

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 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 Parsons 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 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.

Andrew Forney, representing D. A. Davidson with NACO Leasing Corporation, presented the Board with a resolution approving and ratifying the execution and performance of a lease purchase agreement for acquisition of 911 communication equipment. He said the principal amount of \$1.5 million is set up on a 10 year payment plan with an interest rate of 2.1%. The amount of \$30,000 for the cost of issuance will be paid up front. Chairman Freshman said the total cost of this project includes maintenance and upgrades for the next ten years, so there won't be any additional costs above the quoted price. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 9-12-17-29 approving and authorizing the acquisition of communication equipment through a lease purchase agreement with NACO Leasing Corporation; the principal amount of \$1.5 million will be repaid over a period of 10 years with a 2.1% interest rate. 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.

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 \$18,080.99 for the month of August 2017. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.



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At a previous meeting, three pickups were declared surplus; then advertised for sale on Craig's List. Sealed bids were accepted through September 8, 2017. The County Clerk reported that she received 1 bid for each pickup. Theresa Sullivan submitted a bid of \$477.77 for a 1997 GMC pickup; Becky Sturm submitted a bid of \$677.77 for a 2004 Chevrolet Extended Cab pickup; and James Murphy submitted a bid of \$860 for a 2000 Chevrolet 4x4 3/4ton pickup. All vehicles are being sold in "as is" condition. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to accept the bids submitted for each pickup. 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.

Lead Supervisor Jon Brinkman gave the following road/bridge report:

- The contractor should be setting girders this week on Project BRO-7066(43) located south of P-28
- Abutment 1 repair on the bridge west of G-24 is nearly complete
- The overlay of old Hwy 2 should start this week
- The East Crew has completed repairing and cleaning out culverts along old Hwy 2. They continue to clean out ditches, repair washouts, blade roads and haul rock.
- The West Crew has installed multiple driveway culverts. They installed a new intersection culvert at K-32 and continue to blade and haul rock.

Commissioner Parsons said he has received several calls questioning why the County is grading the roads when they are so dry. Brinkman said they are getting the roads ready for harvest, in particular the minimum maintenance roads.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed budget for 2017-2018. Commissioner Sornson said he and Chairman Freshman met with individual department heads early to go over their budget requests. They allowed for only large expenditure this year - that being the purchase of 911 communication equipment in order to be compatible with statewide radio frequencies. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Chairman Freshman introduced Resolution 9-12-17-30 that allows the Board to increase restricted funds an extra 1% in addition to the statutory allowance of 2.5% limit. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to adopt Resolution 9-12-17-30 increasing the restricted funds limit by an additional 1% for a total of 3.5%. There being no other discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried. Subsequently, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to sign a Resolution adopting the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as advertised and presented. 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.

A second public hearing was held for the purpose of hearing support or opposition to set the property tax request at an amount different than the previous year. There being no comments, Chairman Freshman closed the public hearing. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 9-12-17-32, setting the 2017-2018 property tax request at \$7,301,168.23 resulting in a tax rate of .307840. 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. All information relating to the budget is on file for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.



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Chairman Freshman announced that upon adjournment, all five Commissioners are going to visit and inspect the County Jail pursuant to State Statute 47-109.

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 September 26, 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 12th day of September 2017.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk