



Otoe County Board Minutes



April 24, 2018

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on April 24, 2018, 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 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 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.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson 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 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 Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Dave Partsch, Otoe County Attorney, introduced a truancy tracking program for juvenile diversion sponsored by CEDARS Youth Services. This program would be available to Middle School and High School students who are continually absent from attending school. CEDARS offers mentors (trackers) to build a relationship with parents and students to find out what is keeping kids from going to school. They can assist with providing transportation and teach youth to be responsible for getting themselves to school. Partsch said they have grant money that was allocated for another juvenile program that did not develop as planned. So, he would like to move those dollars to this truancy program. Vanessa Sherman, Coordinator of the Juvenile Diversion Programs in Otoe County, said any unused grant money must be returned by the end of the fiscal year. The opportunity to transfer the pre-allocated grant money to the Truancy Tracker Program just came up last week. She has seen increased truancy cases this past year and thinks this money would be well spent on the tracker program, rather than returning it to the State. She also noted that Otoe County already has a working relationship with CEDARS for monitoring juveniles on probation. Mr. Partsch said the tracking program has proven to be very successful in Cass County. CEDARS will charge \$50 per visit plus mileage. With the school year coming to conclusion, he gets many truancy referrals from the schools.



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CEDARS will work with students and families through the summer to build a relationship and instill within them the importance of attending and completing school. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with CEDARS Youth Services to create an Attendance Advocates Pilot Program for truant youth in Otoe County that will provide truancy tracking in an effort to divert them from the criminal justice and social services systems. 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 Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to sign and enter into a maintenance agreement with Control Services Inc to provide preventive maintenance services and discounted repair prices for the heating and air conditioning system in the courthouse and jail facility. Chairman Freshman said the County has contracted with CSI for multiple years, so they know our system and buildings well. The annual contracted price is \$6,283. 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 the approval of a plat map for Bokamper Subdivision located in the SE ¼ SE ¼ S32-T8-R11 as requested by Edward Bokamper, Paula Bokamper and Dan & Kim Bokamper. Dave Schmitz, representing the Bokampers, said the plat was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. The three acre tract includes an existing house with a septic system and rural water. The son is buying the parcel from his father. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for Bokamper Subdivision located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 S23-T8-R11; site location at 2763 M 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.

At 10:00 a.m. on April 20, 2018, bids were opened and publically read regarding Project C-66(557) east of P-64 and C-66(617) east of P-70. Those present at the bid opening were Commissioners Freshman and Sornson, Engineer Jeff Wagner, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, and representatives from the five bidding contractors. Both projects include the construction of two corrugated metal pipes with steel headwalls and wingwalls and other related incidental work. The following bids were submitted:

Contractor	Total Bid Both Projects	Start/Complete
Yost Excavating, Nebr City	\$312,606.62	6-8-18 / 8-24-18
Tim Sisco Construction, Firth	\$201,116.00	10-12-18 / 12-21-18
Malone Construction, Douglas	\$186,542.11	6-1-18 / 10-1-18
Husker Engineering, Burwell	\$234,863.00	6-1-18 / 7-20-18
Midwest Underground, Lincoln	\$475,733.67	9-15-18 / 12-15-18

Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to award the bid to Malone Construction as the low bidder for the total amount of \$186,542.11 for the construction of Projects (557) and (617) that includes all labor, materials, transportation and equipment. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman and Sornson.

Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to sign Resolution 4-24-18-14 authorizing the Chairman to sign a task order agreement with JEO Consulting to provide preliminary engineering services for Project BRO-7066(29) located on N 60th Road. Superintendent



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Brinkman said the maximum cost was listed as \$5,515.03, but the County would only be liable for 10% or \$551.50. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Superintendent Brinkman gave the following report:

- East crew finished hauling scrap iron/steel out of the Nebraska City yard. They are repairing ditches and backfilling other culverts near Van Dorn and Road 55
- West crew has backfilled multiple culverts and bridge approaches. They completed a ditching job near O-36.
- Both crews are hauling rock, seeding past construction projects and grading roads.

Chairman Freshman announced that all Commissioners will visit and inspect the jail facility upon adjournment in accordance with 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 8:55 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2018.

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 24th day April of 2018.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk