



Otoe County Board Minutes



September 11, 2018

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on September 11, 2018, 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 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 \$77,729.16 for the month of August 2018. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

In the absence of Jon Brinkman, County Highway Superintendent, Commissioner Sornson read the written report submitted by Mr. Brinkman.

- Due to rainy weather, not much construction work going on.
- Project (616) north of G-2 - The box culvert floor has been poured.
- Project (557) east of P-64 – Old culvert is out and backfill is done; contractor ready to install new culvert.
- Project (617) east of P-70 – Old culvert is out and road has been backfilled
- West crew replaced crossover culverts east of P-20 and P-22
- East crew replaced crossover culverts north of D-57, but still need to finish dirt work
- Continue to haul rock and grade roads as needed; scour critical bridges have been inspected

At 8:37 a.m. Chairman Freshman called for a short recess. At 8:45 the meeting resumed with all Commissioners being duly noted as present.



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Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed budget for 2018-2019. Chairman Freshman read the budget message noting that some cuts had to be made to stay within the lid of budgeted expenditures; however, necessary capital expenses could be purchased from the Inheritance Tax Fund. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Chairman Freshman introduced Resolution 9-11-18-34 that allows the Board to increase restricted funds an extra 1% in addition to the statutory allowance of 2.5% limit. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to adopt Resolution 9-11-18-34 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 Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. 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 2018-2019 as advertised and presented. 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.

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 Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 9-11-18-36, setting the 2018-2019 property tax request at \$7,156,623.11 resulting in a tax rate of .299734. The County Clerk noted the tax request was less and the levy rate decreased in comparison to the previous year. 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. All information relating to the budget is on file for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

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 8:51 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 25, 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 11th day of September 2018.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk