



Otoe County Board Minutes



October 23, 2018

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on October 23, 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 Sornson 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 Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson 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.

Gregg Goebel, Emergency Management Director informed the Commissioners that the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board developed a financial plan for sustaining the State Radio System (SRS) network. This system was designed to improve interoperable communications across Nebraska among first responders, law enforcement and other emergency personnel. Otoe County will be billed for its use of the dispatch center to the SRS Network. The money will be kept in a separate account designated for the maintenance and repair of the NRIN System only. NRIN will begin assessing costs January 1, 2019, at the rate of \$200 per month; then submit an annual billing of \$2400 that will be due in October each year. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to approve participation in the cost assessment for maintaining and repairing the NRIN communication equipment. 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.

Secondly, Mr. Goebel asked the Board to approve the 2018 Local Emergency Operations Plan that is required by Nebraska Statute 82-829.46(9). He said the plan must be reviewed and revised every 5



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years. It is nearly 400 pages long and includes a plan of action for handling emergency situations in individual communities, countywide disease control, points of contact, etc. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the 2018 Otoe County Local Emergency Operations Plan as presented, which will be effective to July 1, 2023. 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 plat for Biere 2nd Subdivision located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S9-T8-R13 as requested by Arlo W and Diane G Biere, Trustees of the Arlo W Biere and Diane G Biere Trust. Zoning Administrator, Dave Schmitz said the Bieres purchased this 3.28 acre parcel adjacent to the lot where their house is located in an effort to keep others from building close by. They considered combining the two parcels into one so that they would only have to pay one water hook-up fee, but the financial institution would not approve a loan on a crop producing acreage. The Planning Commission tabled approval of the plat since a water permit has not been issued for the 3.28 tract. Schmitz said the County Board has the authority to approve a plat without the rural water permit, even though the permit is required in the subdivision regulations. Cindy McGinnis, realtor for the Bieres, asked that the Board approve the plat today so that they could finalize the purchase. Schmitz said he spoke with the Rural Water District who said they will reserve a permit and waive the \$5000 fee for the 3.28 acre parcel as long as it remains in cropland. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for Biere 2nd Subdivision located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S9-T8-R13 as requested by Arlo and Diane Biere without contingencies. 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.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the plat for THIRDSEASON Subdivision located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S30-T8-R12 as requested by Joseph F Sedlacek, agent for SIXSEASONS FARM LLC, and a life estate reserved by Joseph F and Linda K Sedlacek. The Sedlacek's son wants to build a house on the acreage when he gets out of the military. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for THIRDSEASON Subdivision as requested by Joseph F and Linda K Sedleck. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing for the approval of The Bock 40 Subdivision located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S13-T8-R9 as requested by Brian S Bock. Dave Schmitz said Mr. Bock owns 40 acres south of I Road and wants to separate 5.16 acres into a home site where there is an existing house and outbuildings. They have already dug a new well, using a reverse osmosis system. There being no other comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for The Bock 40 Subdivision as requested by Brian S Bock. 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.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman gave the following road/bridge progress report:

- Project (616) north of G-2: Finished backfill; will start seeding tomorrow
- Project (557) east of P-64: Finished rocking; need to seed for erosion control
- Project (617) east of P-70: Starting to dig for installation of culvert



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- Project BRO-7066(29) on N 60th Rd: South bridge has been removed; contractor is shaping the channel
- West Crew has replaced planks on bridges north of R-14 and north of N-22; will replace a culvert east of B-16
- East Crew replaced two culverts east of D-40

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 9:05 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on November 13, 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 23rd day of October, 2018.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk