



Otoe County Board Minutes



November 27, 2018

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 27, 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.

Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator, presented a list of three names that she recommended for the Board to appoint as members of the Otoe County Extension Board. Based on her recommendation, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to appoint the following three members to the Otoe County Extension Board: Sarah Joy from Nebraska City for a 3 year term; Trevor Houghton from Dunbar for a 3 year term and Julie Hippen from Bennet for a 1 year term. 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.

Ms. Purcell reported three individuals received an award at the recent 4-H Achievement Celebration: Denise Knutson as Outstanding 4-H Alumni; LaShelle Zimmer as the Friend of 4-H; and Verda Umland as the 4-H Leader of Excellence.

Otoe County Treasurer, Nicki Baker, reported she found a mathematical error which occurred last fiscal year regarding the distribution of the in-lieu of taxes received from OPPD. She said the amount



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distributed to individual subdivisions was incorrect, but the total distribution of \$4211.49 remains correct. She said she will need to make a journal entry to correct the errors. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the journal entry to make corrections of the distributions to the appropriate political subdivisions regarding OPPD's in-lieu of tax payment in the amount of \$4211.49; said amount was received in April of 2018. 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.

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

- Project (617) east of P-70: culvert is installed, but the road won't be opened until it has been rocked
- BRO-7055(29) north of G-60: Crane has been moved in
- West crew repaired an abutment and wing on Bridge #00620 west of C-20
- East crew replaced a field drive culvert, removed trees and cleaned out ditch west of S-40; they have cut the concrete and rebar on the low water crossing west of H-44 and are waiting for the right time to take it out and replace it

Commissioner Parsons questioned how the tonnage rate is determined for bridges. Brinkman said it is based on the results of bridge inspections. Commissioner Parsons was concerned that many people ignore the tonnage warning on bridges and suggested that the County run an ad in the paper advising motorists to abide by the ratings to prevent further damage to bridges.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the plat map for 2KTJ, LLC Subdivision located in the East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 S17-T7-R10 as requested by Adline M. Moss. Surveyor Dave Schmitz said the 3 acre lot is part of an original farmstead where the old house was removed. Kevin Moss plans to build a new home on the same spot where the old house once stood. Schmitz said all utility lines are still there and ready for reconnection. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for 2KTJ, LLC Subdivision located at 1346 S 16th Rd as requested by Adline Moss. 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 map for JLW Wurtele Subdivision located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 S4-T8-R13 as requested by Michael S Wurtele. Schmitz said the 3.57 acre lot follows a terrace which explains the odd shaped boundary line. A nephew plans to build a new home on the parcel next spring. Schmitz said the parcel has 2 access options, but they chose to use the one from the top of the hill for better site clearance. Rural water hookup has been approved. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for JLW Wurtele Subdivision as requested by Michael S. Wurtele; site location 1/2 mile south of G-54. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Freshman announced that the final meeting in December will be held on Dec 24th at 8:30 a.m. The courthouse will close at noon that day and remain closed until 8:00 a.m. on December 26th.

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 8:50 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on December 11, 2018.



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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 27th day of November, 2018.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk