



# Otoe County Board Minutes



December 24, 2018

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on December 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 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 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 Hauptman 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 Parsons 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.

County Attorney Dave Partsch explained the procedure for tax foreclosure. When an owner fails to pay the real estate taxes on a parcel for three or more years, the property is offered at a Sheriff's Sale. If no bid is received, the land reverts to the County. In the past, the County Treasurer has not been authorized to bid; however, he felt it to be in the best interest of the County to direct the County Treasurer to bid the amount of taxes owed in the event someone tries to under bid its worth. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to authorize the County Treasurer or her designee to bid at an upcoming Sheriff's Sale on behalf of Otoe County for real property described as: Fractional Lot 5, All of Lot 6, Block 31, Greggspport Addition to Nebraska City in the amount of \$382.42. 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 Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to cancel check #14060070 in the amount of \$11.20 so that it may be submitted to the Nebraska State Treasurer as



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unclaimed property. 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 explained that Otoe, Saunders and Nemaha Counties entered into an agreement with NDOT (Nebraska Department of Transportation) regarding several bridge replacement projects in all three counties. The purpose of the collaborated effort was to get more competitive bidding by advertising the projects together. The two projects in Otoe County have been completed, so Board members need to sign a resolution certifying that all specifications have been met in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement. Once the resolution is submitted to NDOT, the County will be reimbursed for its expenses. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to sign Resolution 12-24-18-41 certifying the completion of Projects C006602825 and C006600335 as required by NDOT's County Bridge Matching Program Agreement. 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 recognized five County Officials who will be retiring at the end of the year – Commissioner Ron Hauptman, Sheriff Jim Gress, Register of Deeds Jan Reed, County Clerk Janene Bennett and her Deputy County Clerk, Dee Norstadt.

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 8:38 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2019.

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

Janene Bennett  
Otoe County Clerk