



Otoe County Board Minutes



January 22, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on January 22, 2019, 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, Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Speth, and Commissioner Thurman; none absent.

Chairman Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall. Additional copies are available upon request.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Parsons, Freshman, Speth, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman 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 Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Parsons and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to appoint NE Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) as a bank depository. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Parsons, Freshman, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At 8:40 a.m. Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the catering endorsement application for License Y-121659 for Rich Harvest Vineyard and Winery, located at 3010 G Rd, Syracuse, NE. The catering license would allow the establishment to exceed 6 events per year and have events off the premises. There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to approve the application for catering endorsement to license. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman, Sornson, and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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John Bebout, Otoe County Weed Superintendent, presented the Annual Noxious Weed report which must be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture by January 31st of any given year. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve the report as written and authorize the chairman to sign. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

At 8:48 a.m. Chairman Sornson called for a short recess. At 8:54 a.m. the meeting resumed with all Commissioners being duly noted as present.

Sarah Purcell, Otoe County Extension Educator, presented the Board with a bound copy of the 2018 Annual Extension Report for Otoe County. It detailed the accomplishments of the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources faculty. It also included copies of the Otoe County Extension Board minutes, financial reports and a listing of the Extension Board and 4-H Council Board members.

John Palmtag, Deputy County Attorney, presented an interlocal agreement to enact Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Assistance with Nemaha County. The agreement would allow the counties to combine resources, equipment, and/or personnel in situations deemed necessary for law enforcement. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to authorize the chairman to sign an interlocal agreement with Nemaha County for law enforcement mutual aid and assistance. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, spoke in regards to purchasing wetland credits from Lower Platte South Natural Resources District for Project No. HRRR-7915(1), Palmyra Southwest. The cost to purchase the credits is \$20,000.00. This project is a federal aid project and the county will be reimbursed for 90% of the purchase cost. Of the 10% that is the county share, it will be split with the Village of Palmyra. The village will pay 39% and the county will pay 61%. Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to authorize the purchase of the wetland credits for Project No. HRRR-7915(1). There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman stated that concrete was poured on the substructure of Project (55) at G & 60 North; the floor of a box culvert was poured for Project (625) at P & 60 South; and the contractor has moved in for Project (536) D & 44 South. The crews have been hauling rock, blading, trimming trees and pushing snow. Otoe County submitted 5 projects for the County Bridge Match Program and was awarded 3. There will be a bridge replacement at G & 2 East; this site is also an approved FEMA project. The bridges at L & 6 North and L & 2 West will be removed and replaced with culverts. The two projects that were denied at this time were bridge replacements at P & 24 South and B & 42 West.

The Otoe County Visitors Committee submitted the application for Dean Shissler for membership. Commissioner Freshman stated that Mr. Shissler has worked for the Kregel Windmill Museum and is currently the director of the Nebraska City Museum Association. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve Dean Shissler's application for membership to the Otoe County Visitors Committee. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Sornson



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called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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 Sornson declared this meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 12, 2019.

I, Jennifer Bassinger, 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 22nd day of January 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk