



Otoe County Board Minutes



February 26, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 26, 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 west wall of the Multi-Purpose room. 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 Freshman 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 Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. 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.

A Network Administration & Service Agreement with John Beal of Action Technology Inc was reviewed. Mr. Beal stated that the IT committee has been helpful on the progress of projects. The ticket system, used for assistance and repair, is working and will continue to progress. The annual contract price is \$57,000, no increase from the previous contract. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Network Administration and Service Agreement with Action Technology Inc who agrees to provide technology services for all county offices for a term of one year, effective March 1, 2019 thru February 29, 2020. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman, and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson tabled consideration to adopt a County and City Lottery (KENO) Disbursement Policy and Application. A committee, consisting of Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Thurman and Deputy County Attorney John Palmtag, was formed to review guidelines, funding limitations, etc. A policy and application will be presented at a future time.



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Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to consider the approval of the vacation plat of Lots F and G, Valley View 2nd Subdivision, located in the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 8N, Range 13E as requested by Marvin Bando and Vivian Bando. Surveyor Dave Schmitz said the lots were platted in 2002 and placed for sale. The lots were not sold and the Bandos' are requesting the lots be vacated and added back to the farm property. There being no other comments, the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to authorize the Chairman to sign the vacation plat of Lots F and G, Valley View 2nd Subdivision located in the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of S10-T8N-R13E; site location I Road, East of 5423 I Road. 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.

Vanessa Sherman, Otoe County Juvenile Diversion Coordinator and Grants Manager, came before the Board to give the annual report. In 2018, 36 youth were referred to the diversion program, not including truancy, and 35 completed the program successfully. Marijuana offenses topped the list of most referred cases for the second year in a row. There were 21 referrals for truancy or the risk of truancy. Truancy cases have doubled this year. Ms. Sherman continues to work with the schools as a resource for the youth. The referrals for the diversion program are for youth ages 10-17 years old. The commissioners commended Ms. Sherman for her dedication and hard work.

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Sornson opened the public hearing to hear comments regarding the proposed 1&6 Year Road Plan for 2019-2024. Superintendent Brinkman noted several major projects scheduled in the One Year Plan including: Project (55) located on Goosehill Road; Project (625) located east of P&60S – replacement of bridge with a box culvert; Project (536) located at D & 44S – removal of bridge and replace with a box culvert; Project (586) located at J&52S – removal of bridge and replace with a box culvert; Project (580) located at B & 8W – Round 2 CBMP, remove bridge and replace with twin culverts; Project (579) located at G & 2E – CBMP Round 3, replace bridge; Project (538) located at L & 2W – CBMP Round 3, replace bridge; Project (614) located at L & 6N – CBMP Round 3, replace bridge; and Project (544) located at F & 16S – LWC, FEMA project. With no further discussion, Chairman Sornson closed the public hearing. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to adopt Resolution 2-26-19-3 approving the One and Six Year Plan for 2019-2024. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Speth, Thurman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jeremy Behrends, Chief Probation Officer for District #1, came before the board with an update since the district changes. A district change in July 2018 moved Otoe County from District 2 to District 1. Mr. Behrends spoke about the potential of implementing Drug Court in the eastern portion of the district, which would include Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson, Richardson and Pawnee counties. He would like to bring in new programs and community resources. Classes would be offered to community members and would be held in the multi-purpose room of the Courthouse. The five classes he would like to offer are: Trauma and Response Group, Money Management, Relapse Prevention, Crime Victim Empathy, and DBT.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented several project updates including: Project (55) located at G & 60N – both abutments have been poured; Project (625) located at P & 60S – the floor has been poured and forming walls; Project (536) located at D & 44S – the contractor has the footings done and poured. The road crews have been burning brush piles and moving snow.



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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 9:36 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 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 26th day of February 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk