



Otoe County Board Minutes



May 14, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 14, 2019 to audit and sign 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 south wall of the Courtroom. 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.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Sornson and Parsons. Commissioner Thurman approved all claims abstaining any claims to Thurman Bike and Sport.

Nay – none. Motion carried.

Presentations were heard from Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Angelo Ligouri and Timothy Noerrlinger for the County Attorney position. The appointment of County Attorney will fulfill the term ending December 2022 that is vacant with David Partsch's appointment to Second Judicial District County Judge. The Board of Commissioners will appoint the position at the next regular Commissioners' meeting on May 28, 2019.

One bid was received and opened for the purchase of two new sport utility vehicles that will be used as patrol vehicles. Larson Motors was the only dealership to submit a bid for: 1) a 2019 Dodge Durango police package for \$32,081.00. The bid would allow \$3,000 trade-in value for a 2011 Dodge Ram and a trade-in value of \$2,000 for a Ford Expedition. The cost of one vehicle with the trade of the Dodge Ram would be \$29,081.00 and the cost of the other vehicle with the trade of the Ford Expedition would be \$30,081.00. The state bid did not include a Dodge Durango and was for a Chevy Tahoe and a Ford Explorer and the prices were approximately \$35,000. Larson Motors had offered a trade-in value of \$7,000 for a Chevy Tahoe, but Commissioner Freshman suggested using the Tahoe to replace a vehicle for Emergency Management. Sheriff Caudill requested to keep the Tahoe in the sheriff fleet until the new vehicles arrive as it is being utilized and is in service. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to keep the Tahoe for Emergency



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Management and authorize the purchase of two Dodge Durangos from Larson Motors in the amount of \$59,162.00 which includes the trade-in allowances of \$3,000 for the Dodge Ram and \$2,000 for the Ford Expedition. 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.

Chairman Sornson presented a letter addressed to Senator Clements and Senator Slama to ask for support of LB86 and Amendment 1199. The bill will revise the matching fund requirements for entities receiving grants from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Commissioner Parson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$21,242.66 for the month of April 2019. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, reported on several projects: Project (55), G & 60 N – the South bridge has been completed and the North bridge has been removed; Project (625), P & 60 S – backfilling box culvert and installing culvert next week; Project (536), D & 44 S – backfilling culvert is near completion. The East crew has been repairing culverts and a low water crossing that was damaged by flooding. The West crew has cleaning and repairing ditches and culverts. Both crews have been blading and hauling rock. All four county trucks, Wessel and Westover have been hauling rock and are over half done.

Jerry Rienke was present and spoke about concerns with his property located at H & 14. He purchased the property 4-5 years ago and has spent \$45,000+ to correct drainage for the property. He has met with Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, and a representative of OPPD and it was agreed that there was a water issue and the culvert had a log in it. An additional culvert was discovered during the visit and it is clogged with dirt. Mr. Rienke stated that the culvert was supposed to be replaced in August and it has not been completed. The culvert issues are causing water to go over the road. He is requesting that the culvert be replaced as soon as possible. He stated that he has a contractor that can install the culvert if the county would bring one to the location. Commissioner Parsons asked Mr. Rienke if the contractor could complete the project to the County specs and he indicated he could. Mr. Brinkman stated that the road crew could begin the project in approximately two weeks.

On May 7, 2019, quotes were opened for the purchase of various sizes of riveted corrugated metal tubes and connecting bands in the presence of Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, Jeff Walters and Greg Conz. The following quotes were submitted:

Vendor	Metal Tubes	Connecting Band	Estimated Delivery
Metal Culverts	\$28,578.00	\$646.00	3-4 Weeks
Midwest Services & Sales Co.	\$37,228.20	\$848.30	3-4 Weeks
Contech	\$32,478.00	\$997.50	3-4 Weeks
Ace Eaton	\$31,590	\$1,080	30-45 days



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Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to purchase the tubes and connecting bands from the company with the lowest quote, Metal Culverts, in the amount of \$29,224.00. 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.

Mr. Brinkman presented Resolution #5-14-19-8 to amend the Utility Policy that was adopted in 2013. The new addition includes: 1) Fees may be adjusted for the total number of bores; 2) Fees may be adjusted for the total number of plow locations; and 3) Fees may be adjusted for the total number of open trenches. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign resolution #5-14-19-8 to amend the Utility Policy. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were: Commissioners Parson, Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. 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 9:40 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 28, 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 14th day of May 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk