

Board of Equalization
January 9, 2018

At 8:24 a.m. a meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Hauptman, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Speth.

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.

Commissioner Parsons 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 Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson 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.

The meeting was turned over to the County Clerk for the election of a Chairman of the Board for year 2018. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Sornson nominated Commissioner Rick Freshman as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Rick Freshman to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2018. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2018. Commissioner Hauptman nominated Commissioner Jerad Sornson as Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2018. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2018. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Nine qualifying nonprofit organizations submitted applications for tax exemption on motor vehicles driven to attend medical, educational or charitable events. They include the Community Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, Otoe County Veteran Van Committee, Nebraska City; the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Syracuse; First Baptist Church, Nebraska City, American Legion Post #8, Nebraska City, St Mary's Community Hospital, Nebraska City, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, Omaha, Heartland Church Network, Omaha and Lourdes Central Catholic School, Nebraska City. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve the nine applications for tax exemption from motor vehicle taxes as presented above. 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.

Deputy County Assessor, Christi Smallfoot, presented the following tax list corrections: 1) Parcel 004514000– Deduct \$89.60 for tax year 2016; 2) Parcel 003012500 - Deduct \$78.18 for tax year 2016; 3) Parcel 004514000 – Deduct \$6.02 for tax year 2017; 4) Parcel 003012500 – Deduct \$12.00 for tax year 2017 - these four corrections are the result of a TERC order to adjust values. 5) Parcel 003109001 – Deduct \$2094.50 for tax year 2017 due to a clerical error when splitting a parcel. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve the five tax list corrections as presented above. 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.

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 the meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

I, Janene Bennett, County Clerk for 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 my seal this 9th day of January 2018.

Janene Bennett
Otoe County Clerk