

Board of Equalization  
January 8, 2019

At 8:25 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 Parsons, Commissioner Speth and Commissioner Thurman.

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 Sornson 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 Sornson, Parsons, Speth, Thurman, and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons 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 Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Freshman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to the County Clerk for the election of a Chairman of the Board for year 2019. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Parsons nominated Commissioner Jerad Sornson as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2019. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Sornson, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2019. Commissioner Freshman nominated Commissioner James Parsons Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2019. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner James Parsons to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2019. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Parsons, Speth, Thurman, and Freshman. 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 Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve the nine applications for tax exemption from motor vehicle taxes as presented above. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Freshman, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

County Assessor, Christi Smallfoot, presented the following tax list corrections: 1) Parcel 005097000– Deduct \$2,379.00 for tax year 2018 due to clerical error; 2) Parcel 005222000 - Deduct \$2,683.32 for tax year 2018 due to clerical error; 3) Parcel 000527000 – Add \$2,263.84 for tax year 2016 due to Homestead Exemption review. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to approve the three tax list corrections as presented above. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Freshman, Sornson and Parsons. 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 the meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

I, Jennifer Bassinger, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk