



Otoe County Board Minutes



February 12, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 12, 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.

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 Parsons to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of the 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 Freshman to approve payment of the regular 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.

Bids were opened on February 8, 2019 in the presence of Commissioners Sornson and Freshman, Highway Superintendent Jonathan Brinkman and a representative from RDO Truck Center for a semi-tractor to replace unit #38. Two companies submitted the following bids:

Company	Cost	Trade Allowance	Total Cost	Delivery
RDO Truck Center	\$125,564.00	\$9,000.00	\$116,564.00	180 days
Wick Trucks	\$125,073.00	\$7,000.00	\$118,073.00	150 days

Superintendent Brinkman stated that RDO/Mack is the lowest bid price and would meet our needs. An extended warranty is available as an additional purchase and the information will be reviewed on whether to purchase. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to award the bid to RDO Truck Center with the contingency that the County may choose to trade or keep the used truck and sell it at a later date. 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.

Bids were opened on February 8, 2019 in the presence of Commissioners Sornson and Freshman, Highway Superintendent Jonathan Brinkman and a representative from RDO Truck Center for a rock/gravel trailer. Three companies submitted the following bids:

Company	Cost	Trade Allowance	Total Cost	Delivery
RDO Truck Center	\$48,085.00	\$7,500.00	\$40,585.00	60 days
Siouxland Trailers	\$45,700.00	\$5,000.00	\$40,700.00	60-90 days
Jim Hawk Truck Trailers	\$50,878.00	\$4,000.00	\$46,878.00	60 days

Superintendent Brinkman stated that RDO/Mack with a R Way trailer is the lowest bid price and would meet our needs. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to award the bid to RDO Truck Center with the contingency that the County may choose to trade or keep the used trailer and sell



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at a later date. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Sornson. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth to sign resolution 2-12-19-1 authorizing the chairman to sign the County Bridge Match Program agreement with NDOT regarding Project No. STWD-CBMP(3) Control No. 00974B(e). The project is located at G&2 East. The bridge will be removed and replaced with a concrete bridge. 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 and seconded by Commissioner Freshman to sign resolution 2-12-19-2 authorizing the chairman to sign the County Bridge Match Program agreement with NDOT regarding Project No. STWD-CBMP(3) Control No. 00974B(b). This agreement is for two projects; one at L&2 West and one at L&6 North. The bridges will be removed and replaced with metal culverts. 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.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman updated the board on several projects. The abutments have been poured for Project (55) at G&60 North. The steel for the floor is being installed for Project (625) at P&60 South. The contractor has the East footings dug and formed for Project (536) at D&44 South. The crews have been busy with snow removal, burning brush piles and spotting in rock.

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 \$127,473.25 for the month of January 2019. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging is completing a Transportation Application with the Nebraska Department of Roads that is used to fund a Public Transportation System for the aging population of southeast Nebraska. As an application requirement, a letter of support must be included from each entity that they serve. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to authorize the Chairman to sign and send a letter of intended support to Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging pledging a contribution up to \$25,325 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with the stipulation that the amount was the same as previous years. The final determination will be set with the budget. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Thurman, Sornson and Parsons. Nay – None. Abstain – Commissioner Speth. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to cancel check #19010012 in the amount of \$219.90; the check was returned for duplicate payment to Fairfield Inn. 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.

At 8:55 a.m. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter, (notice having been provided to the employee); the motion included that reason for closing the session was for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and such individual had not requested a public meeting. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried. Those asked to remain for closed session included: David Partsch, County Attorney, John Palmtag, Deputy County Attorney, Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, Tony Burkholder, Local #251 Union President, John Bebout, Weed Supervisor and Fred Phillips, County employee. No actions were taken while in closed session.

At 9:21 a.m., the board returned to regular session with all members present. Chairman Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to approve disciplinary action taken by the Highway Superintendent. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Parsons, Freshman, Speth and Thurman.



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Nay – None. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was discussion/action on amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Chairman Sornson would like a committee to be formed by Commissioner Thurman, Commissioner Parsons, Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman, County Attorney David Partsch and Union President Tony Burkholder. The committee will be formed to produce an addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to form this committee for negotiating an addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with stipulations that it is to complete amendment negotiations prior to the employee returning to work.

Chairman Sornson announced that all board members will visit the county jail facility upon adjournment per State Statute 47-109.

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 9:23 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 26, 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 12th day February of 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk