



Otoe County Board Minutes



March 12, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:38 a.m. on March 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; 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 Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman 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 Freshman, to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Parsons and Freshman. Commissioner Sornson approved all claims abstaining any claims to Johnny's Cycle. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Ashley Robertson and Desaray Johnson, spoke as representatives with Project Response. Project Response is a non-profit agency for domestic violence and sexual assault protection. The main office is located in Auburn, NE with satellite offices in Nebraska City and Falls City. The agency serves five counties, Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson, Richardson and Pawnee. They offer 24 hour crisis hotline, counseling, shelter, protection orders and other services to victims and families of abuse. The organization is reaching out to schools as a resource and to provide information to students about the different types of abuse and healthy relationships. Project Response has experienced a decrease in grant funding and is requesting \$3,000 for the 2019-2020 budget year. Commissioner Thurman stated that this request may fall under a category for the use of KENO funds. The committee is continuing to work on the KENO policy and application and anticipate having it completed in the next couple of weeks. Chairman Sornson tabled the request at this time and asked that the agency apply when the KENO application is complete.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented a 1999 Ford F350 1 ton utility truck that is obsolete or no longer of any use to the Road Department. Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to declare the item as surplus so that they can be sold or disposed of and



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to adopt and authorize the chairman to sign Resolution 3-12-19-4 giving Jon Brinkman the authority to sell the surplus item listed on Attachment A. 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.

Mr. Brinkman reported updates on several Projects: Project (55), located at G & 60 N, - getting ready to set girders; Project (625), located at P & 60 S, - the box has been completely poured; Project (536), located at D & 44 S, - The contractor has formed and is ready to pour. Mr. Brinkman also stated that the crews have been busy with snow removal.

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 \$40,860.20 for the month of February 2019. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

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 9:00 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 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 of March 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk