



Otoe County Board Minutes



June 11, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:43 a.m. on June 11, 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 Freshman, Commissioner Speth and Commissioner Thurman; Absent was Commissioner Parsons.

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 Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Speth, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve payment of the regular claims. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth and Thurman. Commissioner Freshman approved all claims abstaining any claims to Video Home Theater and Commissioner Sornson approved all claims abstaining any claims to Johnny's Cycle. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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 \$29,442.84 for the month of May 2019. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to authorize the County Treasurer to issue a tax refund in the amount of \$1,068.62 to Flying Dubya, LLC. The refund is a result of an adjustment due to a TERC order. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

John Dageford, Windstream local manager for Southeast Nebraska, presented information about the proposed wireless technology to bring high speed internet to rural areas in Otoe County. There are three sites proposed in the Nebraska City area: 5828 C Road, 1448 Hwy 75 and S 64th Road. There are three additional sites proposed: 319 W 5th St., Palmyra; 817 K Rd, Palmyra; 746 C Rd, Eagle. The original pole is installed on the County ROW by T3 and hooked to fiber optics and will have a 4 mile sight radius. Equipment is installed at the customer's home and fed into the house by Cat 5 wire. Windstream is looking at investing \$3,000,000 into Otoe County for the project. The cost of the



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service to the customer would range from \$30-\$50 per month. The time frame for installation is approximately 60 days following permit approval. There is currently a pole installed along Hwy 2 by Timberlake Subdivision and Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, stated that there have not been any issues.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to declare a 2007 ¾ ton Chevy pickup truck as surplus. The pickup was wrecked and has a salvage title. The road department was able to save the flatbed and blade. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to authorize the Chairman to sign resolution #6-11-19-9 authorizing Jon Brinkman to advertise and sell the 2007 ¾ ton Chevy pickup as surplus. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to authorize the Chairman to sign resolution 6-11-19-10 to amend Resolution 9-55 to allow limited trapping of wildlife in the County Right of Way. Highway Superintendent, Jon Brinkman, stated that beaver have become an issue with culverts, bridges and roads. The resolution does not allow for public trapping in the ROWs. The County would hire a professional trapper for the projects. The cost for three sites could range from \$1,200-\$1,400. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, reported on several projects: Project (55), G & 60 N – girders will be set in the near future; Project (625), P & 60 S – need to seed and erosion control, then rock; Project (536), D & 44 S – need to seed and erosion control; Project (586), J & 52 S – the contractor is planning on moving in. The East crew has been digging and relaying an undermined culvert at L & 36 E. The West crew replaced two culverts at G & 14 S and removed trees and a log jam under a bridge at N & 4N. Both crews have been blading and hauling rock.

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 9:18 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 25, 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 11th day of June 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk