



# Otoe County Board Minutes



August 27, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 27, 2019, to audit and sign payroll and 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 Vice-Chairman of the Board, James Parsons. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Speth and Commissioner Thurman; Absent – Commissioner Sornson.

Vice-Chairman Parsons informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall. 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, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Speth, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman 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, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Parsons. 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, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Parsons and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to audit and sign payroll claims. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Pursuant to State Statute 33-106.02, Vice-Chairman Parsons acknowledged receipt of the monthly report from the Clerk of the District Court certifying fee collections in the amount of \$125,224.64 for the month of July 2019. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve the transfer from Fund 2913 to the General Fund 0100 to correct a transfer that was completed twice in error. Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chad Miller, Otoe Co. Veterans Service Officer, presented a County and City Lottery (KENO) Social Investment Grant application. Mr. Miller's application requested \$10,000 to aid in the purchase of a new vehicle(s) for veteran transportation. The details of an available program were discussed at the August 13, 2019 meeting. Mr. Miller stated that the County is responsible for half of the funds and that he has been receiving donations and grant awards. The other half of the funds are obtained by the DAV. Once the vehicles are purchased, the DAV will take responsibility for maintenance, gas and insurance. Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve the request of \$10,000. Being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.



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In accordance with State Statutes 77-3442 and 77-3443, it is the County Board's responsibility to determine the allocation of levy authority to the Rural Fire Districts, Hospital District and Ag Society. Vice-Chairman Parsons introduced Resolution 8-27-19-16 listing each valuation, tax request and calculated levy. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign Resolution 8-27-19-16 allocating levies to meet the tax requests submitted by the political subdivisions listed above. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Parsons and Freshman. Nay - none. Motion carried.

Ted Leefers was present to discuss his concerns with a bridge located at B & 28 North. He stated that the bridge has been out for 12+ years. The bridge is located one mile off of Hwy 50 and was well traveled when open. He would like to see the bridge replaced/repaired for personal and emergency access. Commissioner Freshman said he would need to look at the One & Six year road plan to see if the bridge is listed. Commissioner Parsons stated that he would speak with Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman about the bridge.

By September 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year, elected officials and department heads are required to submit Inventory Statements to the County Board listing all personal property in the custody of each office holder with a value of \$1000 or more. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to approve the 2019 inventory statements as presented by the elected officials and department heads. There being no further discussion, Vice-Chairman Parsons called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman read a report of road project updates in the absence of Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent. Project (586), located at J & 52 South – waiting on contractor; Project (579), located at G & 2 East – Bridge replacement and road realignment, contractor starting 8-26-19. The East Crew repaired dirt low water crossing at J & 50 E and worked on a low water crossing at H & 46 W. The West Crew has: finished replacing culverts at I & 10 N; removed fencing for bridge project at G & 2 E; repaired both bridge abutments on bridge 01315P at P & 12 S; removed trees for CBMP project (580); replaced culvert and ditching at B & 4 intersection; repaired damage done to road by farmer at G & 6; ditching at J & 18 S. Both crews have been blading and hauling rock.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for FY19-20. The overall valuation decreased by \$25+ million, resulting in a higher levy than the previous year. The official public hearing will be held at the September 10, 2019 meeting with a final adoption.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Vice-Chairman Parsons declared this meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 10, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk