



Otoe County Board Minutes



September 24, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on September 24, 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 Chairman of the Board, Jared 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 wall. 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 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, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman, Parsons and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, 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.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to audit and sign payroll claims. 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.

Amanda Van Asperan spoke regarding the implementation of the Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court. The counties in the Southeast district will be Otoe, Richardson, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee. The annual budget for the drug court will be \$31,400. The budget will be divided amongst the counties based on probation population; Otoe County's portion will be \$10,687.80 for the first year. Ms. Van Asperan presented an interlocal agreement to be signed by all participating counties. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the interlocal agreement for Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jeremy Behrends and Ashley Griess came before the board with updates occurring in Probation District One. Mr. Behrends has accepted a different position with the State Probation offices and introduced Ashley Griess as the new Chief Probation Officer for District One. Ms. Griess presented updates on the probation program and groups/classes available.



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Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 9-24-19-20 to collect a service fee for civilian fingerprinting in the amount of \$10 for the first fingerprint card and \$5 for each additional card per visit. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Parsons, Freshman, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson acknowledged receipt of a notice submitted by the Otoe County Treasurer listing an amount of \$14,384.57 of personal property taxes that remain unpaid as of 6/30/19. Distress warrants were issued to these taxpayers on November 1, 2018.

Otoe County Treasurer, Nickola Baker, provided a list of parcels which are one-year delinquent on real estate taxes or special assessments. Resolution 9-24-19-21 was presented directing the Otoe County Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates in the name of Otoe County on the parcels that are one-year delinquent. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 9-24-19-21. 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.

Commissioner Freshman read a report of road project updates in the absence of Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent. Project (586), located at J & 52 South – contractor is planning on Nov. 1, 2019 start date; Project (579), located at G & 2 East – Bridge replacement and road realignment, contractor is grading on the west side of the bridge. The East Crew is working on a low water crossing at H & 46 W. The West Crew has: replaced a crossover culvert at G & 22 N; removed trees and replace abutment 1 back wall planks and shape ditch at D & 12 E. 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 9:23 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 8, 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 24th day of September, 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk