



Otoe County Board Minutes



November 12, 2019

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on November 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 south wall of the Courtroom. Additional copies are available upon request.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, 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 Parsons, 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 Freshman, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Parsons. Commissioner Sornson approved all claims except the one submitted by Johnny's Cycle to which he abstained due to a conflict of interest. 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 \$40,228.59 for the month of October 2019. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Diana Bohlen and Susan Boyd presented the annual SENCA report.

Jenniffer Panko-Rahe, Otoe County Attorney, presented an interlocal agreement for providing personnel and services for Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court. The agreement is an outline of the provided personnel. Richardson County will be the fiscal agent for the Southeast Nebraska Drug Court and Otoe County will pay a percentage of the annual fee. Otoe County's portion for FY19-20 is \$10,687.80. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to approve and sign the interlocal agreement for providing personnel and services for Southeast Nebraska Adult Drug Court. 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.

Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the approval of the vacation plat of TMM Subdivision, a 3.00+ acre tract of land located in the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27, Township 8N, Range 14E as requested by Todd A. Moyer and Melinda M. Moyer. Site is located at 603 S 66th Road. The Moyer's had cut out the acreage in 2008 and this vacation would combine the properties into one tract. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to change payroll from once a month to twice a month. The payroll dates will be the Wednesdays following the Commissioners' meeting. The



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commissioners meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 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.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented resolution 11-12-19-28 to conduct a study regarding vacation of roads located within the Northeast ¼ of Section 3, Township 8, Range 9. Upon completion of the study, Mr. Brinkman would present a report to the Board. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve resolution 11-12-19-28. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Freshman, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to give Mr. Brinkman permission to move forward with exploring options to change the classification of a road located at the intersection of King and 10 South from a minimum maintenance to local road. The road can be changed from the current minimum maintenance classification at the expense of the owner. The road is located off of the section line; to put it on the section line, a possible easement would need completed, fences and power poles moved and blend the road. The owner would pay for the initial rocking of the road and the 1 re-rocking, then it would be maintained by the county. It is possible to leave the road off of the section line also. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Mr. Brinkman presented the following road/bridge report: Project (586), located at J & 52 South – contractor is planning on 11-1-19 start date; Project (579), located at G & 2 East – contractor is grading for bridge project and will start driving steel, deck panels have been poured; The West crew completed project (580) located at B & 6 W; ditched at E & 8 South. The East completed a low water crossing at H & 46 West; ditching at P & 64W; repaired abutment 1 on bridge #01255 at F & 53W; cleaned ditches, installed driveway culverts and replaced cross over culvert at B & 56N. Both crews have been hauling rock and blading.

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 9:06 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on November 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 November, 2019.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk