



Otoe County Board Minutes



February 11, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 2020, to audit and sign regular claims and payroll 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 Commissioner Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Speth and Commissioner Thurman; none absent.

Commissioner Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the meeting 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, Freshman Parsons, Speth, and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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

Having reviewed the regular claims in advance of this meeting, Commissioner Speth 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 Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson 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, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Desaray Johnson, presented a report for Project Response. She stated the Safe Date program was completed at Palmyra High School. A human trafficking training was held in Falls City and they are looking at dates to hold the program in Otoe County. Project Response hosts a food pantry in Auburn and served 80 individuals last month.

Clarissa Suarez-Russell, Partnership Specialist, was present to speak about the 2020 United States Census. There are currently part-time, temporary employment opportunities available in Otoe County. Enumerators are needed for visiting homes of residents that do not self-respond to the census mailings. The position pays \$17.50/hour. Ms. Suarez-Russell encouraged residents to complete the census information by mail, online, by phone or by in-person interview. The census provides information about our community and aids in the distribution of more than \$675 billion of federal funding to the state and community.

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 \$47,168.25 for the month of January 2020. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Sornson stated that the commissioners would be going upstairs to take a picture with a flag that was donated to the Veterans' Service office. Kent Blum was recognized and thanked for donating the framing of the flag as well as the ones in the main floor hallway.



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Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to adopt and sign Resolution 2-11-20-4 for the year end certification of County Highway Superintendent form for 2019. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to adopt Resolution 2-11-20-5 for the final acceptance of project construction of project BRO-7066(29). Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman presented the following road/bridge report: Project (579) at G & 2 East – the project is needing the guardrail, abutments to grade, remove sho-fly and seeding; Project (589) at J & 52 South – contractor has been shaping the channel and forming, will try to pour the floor weather permitting. The West crew has burned and buried brush piles at B & 16, B & 14 and B & 12. The East crew has repaired and worked on snow equipment. Both crews have been pushing snow and hauling rock to projects and trouble spots.

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 9:07 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 25, 2020.

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 February, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger – Otoe Clerk