



Otoe County Board Minutes



March 10, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on March 10, 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 Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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 Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth 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 Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons 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 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, Freshman and Parsons. 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 \$15,692.31 for the month of February 2020. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons, to cancel check #20010312 in the amount \$92.51. The check was issued twice in error. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Susan Keholm, SENCA Development Director, and Debbie Green, CASA coordinator, presented the SENCA/CASA annual report. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve signing a proclamation to proclaim May 2020 as Community Action Month. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the subdivision plat of Teten Subdivision, a 4.95+- acre tract in the North ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 25, Township 8N, Range 13 E as requested by Loyd V. Teten and Julie Teten, Michael M. Teten, and Jody Teten, Ashleigh Teten Gillespie and Heather Teten. The site is located at 5850 K Road. The subdivision plat was approved at the January 28th with a contingency that the real estate taxes be paid on the property. The taxes have been paid on the property. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the subdivision plat.



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Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Bill Aultz presented information in regards to LB58 and LB816; red flag laws being introduced in Nebraska. He stated that 19-20 counties are currently working on adopting resolutions to declare the county a second amendment sanctuary and three counties have approved a resolution. Mr. Aultz would like to propose Otoe County approving a similar resolution and presented letters of support from Senator Clements and Senator Slama. There was discussion about this item being a county board decision without having more information/opinions from more Otoe County citizens. There was a concern of approving resolutions of this nature and setting a precedence for future issues. Mr. Aultz will be presenting the information at the Nebraska City City Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020. Chairman Sornson stated that the request would be tabled at this time and may be revisited at a future meeting.

Commissioner Freshman presented the following road and bridge report in Jon Brinkman's absence: Project (579) located at G & 2 East – seeding and rocking is needed to complete the project, should be completed this week; Project (589) located at J & 52 South – box is poured and will be backfilling the box this week. The East and West crews have burned and buried brush piles at numerous locations; backfilled culvert at O & 2 East; blading and hauling rock to projects and trouble spots. Commissioner Sornson stated that Otoe County had several CBMP projects approved in District 5.

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 9:15 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on March 24, 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 10th day of March, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk