



Otoe County Board Minutes



May 12, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on May 12, 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 Speth and Commissioner Freshman. Present by online Zoom platform were Commissioner Thurman and Commissioner Parsons. 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 Speth 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 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 Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Freshman. Commissioner Sornson approved all claims abstaining a claim made payable to himself for reimbursement. 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.

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 \$21,331.02 for the month of April 2020. Said report will be filed in the County Clerk's Office.

Chairman Sornson appointed Commissioner Speth as the Otoe County Representative for Blue Rivers Agency on Aging Board for the term of January 2020-December 2021.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to authorize the Chairman to sign the NACO Subgroup Application with Blue Cross Blue Shield for the County's health and dental insurance benefits. There are no changes to the plan benefits or deductibles. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Parsons, Freshman and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried



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Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the annexation of the Union Rural Fire Board by Nebraska City Rural Fire District and Nehawka Rural Fire District. The annexation proposal included maps and resolutions for Nebraska City Rural Fire District to annex 38% and Nehawka Rural Fire District to annex 62% of the Union Rural Fire Board. Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve the annexation of the Union Rural Fire Board. There being no discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Speth, to approve the routine and special bridge inspection proposal submitted by Mainelli Wagner & Associate, Inc. The proposal is for 166 routine inspections and 4 special inspections required for 2020 at the rate of \$135/bridge. Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Otoe County Highway Superintendent, presented a road closure study for Road 107 located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S 3, T 8N, R 9E in Otoe County. Mr. Brinkman indicated that there are four adjoining landowners and three of the four are in favor of vacating the road. The fourth was not present for the scheduled meeting or respond to follow up calls or emails. There was discussion about having the road surveyed for the vacation to have a clear description of the area before and after the vacation. Commissioners agreed that Dave Schmitz, County Surveyor, should be contacted about completing the survey. Commissioner Speth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to proceed with the vacation process. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Jon Brinkman, Highway Superintendent, presented the road report: Project (589) located at J & 52 South- project will be complete after M.E. Collins finishes seeding; Project (544) F & 16-Low Water Crossing (LWC) replacement, FEMA project with a projected start date of May 25. The West crew backfilled ditch at N & 28 East and cleaned a ditch at B & 32 N. The East crew replaced the NE and SE wingwall on bridge #20845 at D & 44E; replaced NW wingwall at Van Dorn & 52E; backfill headwalls, wingwalls and repaired guardrail on bridge #53255 at P & 70 W; installed permanent bridge closures on bridge #02930 at O & 58 N. Both crews have been hauling rock and grading.

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 8:54 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on May 26, 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 12th day of May, 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk