



# Otoe County Board Minutes



August 25, 2020

The Otoe County Board of Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on August 25, 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. Absent – none.

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 Parsons 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 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 voted aye and abstained from claims to Johnny's Cycle. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman 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.

Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to acknowledge and accept the 2020 inventory statements submitted by elected officials and department heads. The inventory statements list all personal property in the custody of each office holder with a value of \$1,000 or more. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the approval of a subdivision plat of Good Life Subdivision, a 6.08+- acre tract located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 33, Township 9N, Range 13E as requested by Michael J. Lollmann and Natasha Lollmann. Site is located at 5369 G Road. David Schmitz indicated there is a home being built on the parcel. Rural water was being installed as required. There being no public comments, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Thurman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve



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and authorize the Chairman to sign the plat map for Good Life Subdivision, requested by Michael and Natasha Lollmann. There being no further comment, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Steve Cody, Deputy Emergency Management Director, presented an updated Memorandum of Understanding for shared use of an emergency notification system. Mr. Cody stated this will update the memorandum approved in May 2020 and adds Johnson and Pawnee Counties. The memorandum will now include Otoe County, Johnson County, Nemaha County, Pawnee County and Richardson County. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the memorandum of understanding. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Parsons, Speth, Thurman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to approve and sign resolution 8-25-20-30 approving levy allocation requests from political subdivisions under the authority of the County Board. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sornson presented the road report in the absence of Highway Superintendent Jon Brinkman: Project (544) F & 16-Low Water Crossing (LWC) replacement, FEMA – contractor poured the deck on 8-21-20. The West Crew worked on the following projects: G & 2 E and S – driveway, culverts and ditching; G & 2 N – erosion control and seeding; L & 26 S – ditching; H & 22 S – ditching; J & 16 N, S, E and W ditching; E & 22 S – bridge #22340 replaced plank and trimmed trees. The East Crew worked on the following projects: Centennial, Business 75 and Excel Road – ground down high spots in the pavement; L & 56 W  $\frac{1}{4}$  - replaced separated culvert. Both crews have also been hauling rock and grading.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to go into executive session to discuss a pending litigation claim. Commissioner Sornson stated that Commissioners Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Speth and Thurman, County Clerk Jenny Bassinger, IT Coordinator Becky Sturm, County Attorney Jenniffer Panko-Rahe and Matthew Reilly, attorney with Erickson-Sederstrom would be present. Commissioner Sornson also stated that the pending litigation claim would be the only topic discussed and executive session is necessary for the protection of public interest. Voting aye were Commissioner Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman, to end executive session and resume the regular meeting. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

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 9:01 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on September 8, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.



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Jennifer Bassinger  
Otoe County Clerk