

Board of Equalization
January 14, 2020

At 8:25 a.m. a meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Jerad Sornson. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Parsons, Commissioner Speth and Commissioner Thurman.

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.

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, 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.

The meeting was turned over to the County Clerk for the election of a Chairman of the Board for year 2020. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Commissioner Freshman nominated Commissioner Jerad Sornson as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Freshman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2020. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Thurman, Sornson and Freshman. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2020. Commissioner Sornson nominated Commissioner Rick Freshman Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2020. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parsons to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Rick Freshman to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2020. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Eight qualifying nonprofit organizations submitted applications for tax exemption on motor vehicles driven to attend medical, educational or charitable events. They include the Community Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, Otoe County Veteran Van Committee, Nebraska City; the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Syracuse; First Baptist Church, Nebraska City, American Legion Post #8, Nebraska City, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, Omaha, Heartland Church Network, Omaha and Lourdes Central Catholic School, Nebraska City. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to approve the eight applications for tax exemption from motor vehicle taxes as presented above. There being no further discussion, Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Thurman. 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 the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

I, Jennifer Bassinger, County Clerk for 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 my seal this 14th day of January 2020.

Jennifer Bassinger/Otoe County Clerk