

Board of Equalization
January 12, 2021

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 Thurman and Commissioner Crownover.

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 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, Thurman, and Crownover. 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, Thurman, Crownover, 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 2021. 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 Thurman to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2021. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, and Freshman. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2021. Commissioner Parsons nominated Commissioner Rick Freshman Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2021. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thurman to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Rick Freshman to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2021. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Christi Smallfoot, County Assessor, presented a list of permissive exemption applicants. The exemption applications are Forms 451A. These forms reaffirm the Form 451 information and decisions from prior filings. Three of the applicants have a late filing penalty and two applicants have partial exemptions. A list of applicants will be on file in the County Assessor's office. Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman, to approve the list of applications presented. Voting aye were Commissioners Crownover, Sornson, Freshman, Parsons and Thurman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Tax list corrections were not scheduled on today's agenda and any action will be voided. The tax list corrections that were discussed will be re-presented at the January 26, 2021.

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 8:32 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 12th day of January 2021.

Jennifer Bassinger/Otoe County Clerk