

Board of Equalization
January 4, 2022

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 Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Freshman to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion Chairman Sornson called for a vote. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Thurman, and Crownover. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Crownover 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 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 2022. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Freshman nominated Commissioner Jerad Sornson as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Crownover made a motion, seconded by Parsons to appoint Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2022. 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 2022. Parsons nominated Commissioner Rick Freshman Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2022. There being no other nominations, Parsons made a motion, seconded by Thurman to cease nominations and to appoint Commissioner Rick Freshman to be Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2022. Voting aye were Commissioners Thurman, Crownover, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The permissive exemption applications agenda item was tabled to a future meeting.

Christi Smallfoot, County Assessor, presented the following tax list corrections to the board: Parcel #004748500 – add \$77.70 to tax year 2019– homestead exemption was changed from 100%-90% of the maximum amount allowed for Otoe Co. after income verification by the NE Department of Revenue. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Parsons, to approve the tax list corrections as presented. Voting aye were Crownover, Thurman, Sornson, Freshman, and Parsons. 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 4th day of January 2022.

Jennifer Bassinger/Otoe County Clerk