

Board of Equalization
January 14, 2025

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 Crownover, and Commissioner Cole.

Chairman Sornson informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is located by the door of the Courtroom.

Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to accept the agenda as posted. Voting aye were Sornson, Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, and Cole. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. Voting aye were Freshman, Parsons, Crownover, Cole, and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to the Jenny Bassinger, County Clerk, for the election of a Chairman of the Board for year 2025. The Clerk called for nominations from the floor. Cole nominated Commissioner Jerad Sornson as Chairman of the Board. There being no other nominations, Crownover made a motion, seconded by Freshman to close nomination and appoint Commissioner Jerad Sornson to be Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2025. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Crownover, Cole, Sornson, and Freshman. Voting nay – none. Motion carried.

The Clerk called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2025. Crownover nominated Commissioner Rick Freshman Vice-Chairman of the Board for year 2025. There being no other nominations, Cole made a motion, seconded by Sornson to close nominations and to appoint Commissioner Rick Freshman to be Vice-Chairman of the Board of Equalization for the year 2025. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, Sornson, Freshman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

The meeting was returned to the Chairman to resume the agenda as listed.

Four motor vehicle exemptions were received from the following entities: Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Lourdes Central Catholic School, Skyview Learning Academy, and Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska. Freshman made a motion, seconded by Cole, to approve the submitted motor vehicle exemptions. Voting aye were Crownover, Cole, 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 8:29 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 2025.

Jennifer Bassinger
Otoe County Clerk