



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 26, 2016 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Luettel called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Jerry L. Tisthammer and Ken Luettel. Commissioner Hilary K. Maricle was absent. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Luettel acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

The Board discussed and reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for payment on the various county funds. Motion made by Luettel, second by Tisthammer to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$101,484.90, BCBS \$45,749.28, Ameritas Ret \$7,002.60, EFTPS \$7,584.69, Section 125 Fees \$12.50, Wellness Program \$114.88; Road \$47,018.31, BCBS \$24,170.06, Ameritas Ret \$3,173.74, EFTPS \$3,544.02; Ambulance \$2,387.50, Ameritas Ret \$63.62, EFTPS \$182.63; Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00; Boone County Fitness Center \$6,675.67, Ameritas Ret \$335.07, EFTPS \$510.68, which is all reimbursed back to the County. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the County Inheritance Tax Fund. The Board of Commissioners purchased 35± acres located in the SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, that is adjacent to the south line of the present county owned fairgrounds property for \$270,000.00. The closing of the property is re-scheduled for November 10, 2016. The balance of the land purchase owed is \$265,000.00 and closing fees of \$536.25. Motion made by Luettel, second by Tisthammer to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims for a total of \$265,536.25 from the Inheritance Tax Fund payable to Boone County Title & Escrow LLC Trust Account per sale agreement. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tisthammer, second by Luettel to approve the County Board Proceedings of October 17, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tisthammer and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Tisthammer to approve the County Board Public Hearing Proceedings of October 17, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The primary use of the Boone County Visitors Promotion Fund is to promote, encourage and attract visitors to come to the county through advertisement of the event. The Boone County Visitors Promotion Committee received three requests for advertisement funding.

The Albion Area Arts Council requested assistance to advertise the Michael Fitzsimmons concert scheduled for November 17, 2016. Motion made by Tisthammer, second by Luettel to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tisthammer and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.



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The Albion Chamber of Commerce requested assistance to advertise the Albion Chamber of Commerce Taste of Albion & Art Show scheduled for November 18, 2016. Motion made by Tisthammer, second by Luettel to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tisthammer and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Petersburg Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Petersburg Community Club Annual Christmas Supper and Entertainment event scheduled for December 19, 2016. Motion made by Luettel, second by Tisthammer to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Board; Darrel Thorin, County Highway Superintendent; Denny Johnson, Sheriff; Brent Lipker, Albion Police Department; Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager; Jay Olson, Cargill Northwest Region Operations representative; Jonathan Petersen and Terry Reicks, Cargill representatives; and Andy Roberts and Michael Pugh, Valero Renewables representatives, met to discuss safety concerns. The hazardous safety issues being discussed are in regard to when truck traffic is staging on State Highway 14-39 and County Road known as 260th Street while waiting to unload grain at Cargill. During certain times of the year and especially at fall harvest time there is frequent incidents of grain trucks staging on County Road 260th Street and the shoulder of the State Highway 14-39 on both sides of the state highway. The safety concerns were discussed in 2009 and some of the suggestions have been addressed. The safety concern is no visibility when a vehicle is turning onto the state highway from the business along the highway. There has been continued development of businesses along the state highway since the discussion in 2009. The safety concerns are the intersection of Fairview Street that serves the hospital nursing home and assisted living facility; intersection to vehicle repair building, Shopko, government building and a professional building; intersection for Dollar General; intersection for Albion Fire Department/Rescue Squad and the motel.

The group discussion included informing state leaders of the safety issue; lowering the speed limit; no parking signs on the west side of the highway; state department of roads widen their intersection from the highway onto 260th Street; and staging areas within the Cargill property off of the state highway and 260th Street. The group discussed the possibility of all trucks stage only on the east side of the highway with the south bound trucks turning around at the area of the mini park along the State Highway 14-39 junction area in order to be north bound and stage on the east side of the highway. Commissioner Luettel offered to use his truck to check out the area in order to find out if trucks are able to make the turn. A Nebraska Department of Roads representative was unable to attend today's meeting. The group present are all for addressing the safety concerns and exchanged information and ideas. A second meeting date/time for safety discussion will be set when the Nebraska Department of Roads are able to attend. Commissioner Luettel will contact Nebraska Department of Roads for an available date/time for another meeting.

A Nebraska State Statute allows custodians of public records to charge a fee for providing copies of public records and services that are not set by Nebraska State Statute. The fees collected that are not set by Nebraska State Statute are to be set in a resolution by the County Board. All fees set by Nebraska State Statute for each respective office are to be collected and deposited by the respective office according to statute. In addition, all fees collected that are not set by state statute are to be turned over to the Boone County Treasurer and the collected fees shall be credited to the respective fund. Motion made by Luettel, second by Tisthammer to approve Resolution No. 2016-64, setting of official office fees with an effective date of November 1, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.



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Open discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Board discussed various meetings scheduled this week.
- Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, updated the Board regarding emergency management activity.
- The courthouse will be closed from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, October 27, 2016 for the funeral of Sheryl Machacek. Sheryl's employment began in 1998 at the Boone County Sheriff's office.
- The Board received a 2016 dividend from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) in the amount of \$14,768.00. Boone County has been a member of NIRMA/NIRMA II insurance program since 1988. NIRMA is a member owned and operated non-profit program.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M., the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2016.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk