



# Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016  
ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 21, 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 Ken Luettel, Jerry L. Tisthammer and Hilary K. Maricle. 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 County Safety Committee met at 9:00 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present for the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Ken Luettel, Jerry L. Tisthammer and Hilary K. Maricle, Denny Johnson, Rod Nelson, Tom Smith, Kathy Thorberg and Darrel Thorin. Nelson addressed old business regarding the completion of the replacement of steps to the law enforcement/sheriff building front door, a new surveillance system has been installed in the law enforcement/sheriff building and courthouse building, new signage on courthouse property regarding no smoking and concealed weapons are installed. New business was discussed: (1) Nelson plans to re-paint the blue handicap parking lines in the courthouse parking lots; (2) Thorin installed boards around the new generator at the County Communications Tower to keep snow out of the generator; and (3) Smith updated the group regarding emergency management activities, emergency action plans, table top exercises and threat assessments. Nelson reported no accidents for last quarter. The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Rod Nelson at 9:15 A.M.

Motion made by Tisthammer, second by Maricle to approve the County Board Proceedings of November 14, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tisthammer, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board did not take up the agenda item relating to the county general assistance utilities request, because the person requesting the assistance did not appear.

The Board and Wesley J. Ehlers, Sequoia Consulting Group, continued their discussion from the November 14, 2016 Board meeting regarding Indirect Costs Allocation services via telephone conference. The Board asked Ehlers to explain how he arrived at the FY2017 – 204.17% when the FY2016 was 45.43%. Ehlers said it is making up for the low rate when the county should have received more for FY2013. The Board and Ehlers exchanged questions/discussion regarding Indirect Costs Allocation services. The Board made no change regarding their decision made on October 11, 2016 at this time.

The State of Nebraska, Department of Roads (NDOR) submitted an Agreement for the Board to review for Project No. STP-14-3(116), Albion South. The construction may involve the obliteration or destruction of land survey corners and witness corners. The County agrees to perform work under a Registered Land Surveyor to tie out land monuments as necessary for the project prior to construction work beginning and to tie out and re-establish monuments as necessary after construction is completed. Motion made by Maricle, second by Tisthammer to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign an Agreement between Boone County, Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for surveying services for Project No. STP-14-3(116), Albion South as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Tisthammer and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Board and Chuck Rolf and David Noble, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc., discussed the recent real estate purchase by the County of the approximate thirty-five acres south of the present fairgrounds property. The Board asked Noble and Rolf if they had any ideas for the use of the additional acres. The Agricultural Society have no immediate ideas. Rolf suggested that the County may possibly rent the acres out and plant alfalfa for a ground cover. Also suggested was possibly planting a tree line on the east side of the property between the housing development area and the shooting range that is already located on the fairgrounds property. The Board is in the process of having surveys completed for property line ownership with complete legal descriptions. It appears that the present east and south fence lines are not located on the property lines according to a preliminary survey of the present property known as the fairgrounds. The Board is not ready to make a move on the use of the additional thirty-five acres until property/boundary lines are surveyed. The Board plans to contact legal counsel for guidance of what the County can legally do as a governmental agency regarding rent/crops.

Judd Allen, NACO Marketing Representative, met with the Board to answer any questions or concerns regarding the county health insurance. Allen answered the questions and updated the Board regarding NACO health insurance opportunities.

Darrel Thorin, County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board and discussed the following:

- Thorin updated the Board regarding road/bridge maintenance, materials and projects.
- Thorin submitted three separate bridges for the bridge match program with hopes of at least getting one bridge re-construction approved. Thorin explained the paper process and the type of bridges submitted for the program.
- Thorin updated the Board regarding a micro-surfacing project.
- Thorin informed the Board that the footings are poured for the new open-end building construction located at the Cedar Rapids Road Shop yard.
- Thorin and the Board discussed repair costs for a bridge on 250<sup>th</sup> Street, the estimate for material is \$20,504.00 plus labor.

The Board held a Public Hearing at 10:00 A.M. to hear testimony in favor of, or opposition to, and to answer questions in relation thereto the proposed vacation of five sections of county roads located in Township 20 North, Rang 5 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. No opposition was heard at the public hearing. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve as presented Resolution No. 2016-66, to vacate (1) A section of road commencing at a point between the SW1/4 corner of Section 29, thence east for one-half (1/2) mile, to a point between the SW1/4 of Section 29 and the NW1/4 of Section 32, known as 270<sup>th</sup> Street; (2) A section of road commencing at the NW corner of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 29, thence running south three-quarters (3/4) of a mile to the SW corner of the NW1/4 of Section 32, known as 290<sup>th</sup> Avenue; (3) A section of road commencing at the SE corner of the SW1/4 of Section 29, thence running north for one-half (1/2) mile to the NE corner of the SW1/4 of Section 29, known as 295<sup>th</sup> Avenue; (4) A section of road commencing at the NW corner of the NE1/4 of Section 33, thence running south for one-half (1/2) mile to the SW corner of the NE1/4 of Section 33, known as 305<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and (5) A section of road commencing at a point between the SW corner of the NW1/4 and the NW corner of the SW/4 of Section 34, thence running east for one (1) mile, known as 275<sup>th</sup> Street, all in Township 20 North, Range 5 West, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, with all right-of-way rights to be relinquished and shall revert to the owners of the adjacent real estate, one-half on each side thereof, with the understanding that all utilities with assets that may be affected by this vacation continue to have full access to their property. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Motion carried



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The Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services submitted the paper documents for the Boone County Ambulance Service license renewal as an EMS Advanced Service. Randall Bruland, County Ambulance Administrator, completed the documents and acquired the appropriate signatures. The documents require approval and signature of the Board of Commissioners as the head of the governmental unit. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve and sign the EMS Advance Service license renewal notice as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Tisthammer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Darrel Thorin, Boone County Highway Superintendent, plans to retire on December 31, 2016. The Board received applications for the advertised Boone County Highway Superintendent position. The Board scheduled applicant interviews for today, November 21, 2016 starting at 11:30 A.M.

Open discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Board discussed who would attend the various meetings scheduled this week.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 1:39 P.M. with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2016.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk