

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, February 13, 2017, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Vice Chairman Luettel called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Alan Rasmussen 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. Vice Chairman Luettel acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

The accounts payable warrants/checks are approved/issued by the County Board and signed by its chairperson. The Nebraska statutes addresses the authority of the approval of the accounts payable by the County Board and the signature of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$56,625.79; Road - \$62,123.46; Boone County Visitor's Promotion - \$1,468.06; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$710.73; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$611.92; Ambulance - \$1,964.18. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the County Board Proceedings and the Board of Equalization Public Hearing Proceedings of January 30, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for January, 2017:

- Clerk - \$16,642.25 (State of Nebraska \$10,117.04)(County of Boone \$6,525.21)
- Clerk of the District Court - \$1,089.90 (State of Nebraska \$149.00)(County of Boone \$940.90)
- Sheriff - \$904.23
- Treasurer - Treasurer's Fees - \$6.00; Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 15482-15534 - \$1,234,543.79; Total Collections - \$2,400,592.46

Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Rod Nelson, Maintenance, presented an estimate for repairs from NMC for the Winco generator at the Sheriff's office. The generator is necessary for the operation of the emergency equipment and notification systems for inclement weather and disasters. It has been several years since the generator has had any major repairs. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the estimate from NMC of \$1,397.00 for the WINCO generator repairs as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. 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 a request for advertisement funding. The Albion Area Arts Council requested assistance to advertise the Celtic Cabaret concert scheduled for March 12, 2017. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.



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Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, presented the January road maintenance, repair and project report to the Board for their review. In addition, the following topics were discussed:

- The purchase of a power washer for the County Road District #2 shop.
- The Board and Robinson discussed phone calls received regarding county road conditions.
- Robinson said that interviews are scheduled this week for the General Road Foreman position and the County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician position.
- The Board and Robinson discussed possibly heating road shop(s) with the used oil. Robinson plans to research heating with oil burner/used oil.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, prepared a Non-Exclusive Contract for Services for each of the interested truckers. The contracts are for the year 2017 with the contractor compensation being \$7.00 per ton for road gravel and \$11.00 per ton for other aggregate. The Board reviewed Non-Exclusive Contract for Services submitted by Larry Gray/Gray's Trucks & Farm, Inc.; Jason Hoefler/Jason Hoefler Trucking; Rollie Huffman/RCH Transfer; Ron Beckman/Beckman Lumber, Inc.; and Allen Primrose/PPK Two Transportation, LLC. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to authorize the Board Vice Chairman to sign the Non-Exclusive Contracts for Services as accepted and approved by the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Mary Ziemba, County Zoning Administrator, presented a resolution placing a moratorium on any new small parcel split conditional use applications. The County of Boone, Nebraska has seen a large influx of existing and proposed noncomplying small parcel splits in the A-1 Agricultural-Primary District and the A-2 Agricultural-Secondary District. The moratorium had been recommended by the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission at their January 30, 2017 meeting to allow both the county planning board and county commissioners' time to consider possible changes in the agricultural zoning regulations. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve a moratorium with Resolution No. 2017-04, the Boone County Zoning Administrator shall not accept the filing of any application for conditional use permits for small parcel split, effective February 13, 2017 through September 1, 2017 and/or until such time the approval of the new and/or revised zoning regulations are finalized by a vote of approval and signed by the Boone County Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Stacey L. Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, presented the 2017 One and Six Year Road Improvement Program for County of Boone, Nebraska at the 10:00 A.M. public hearing. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve Resolution No. 2017-05, adopting the 2017 One and Six Year Road Improvement Program for County of Boone, Nebraska as presented at the public hearing. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Don Mroczek of Clarks, NE and Ann Giebler of Omaha, NE, LegalShield representatives, presented information regarding identity theft protection and ID theft consulting. Giebler explained that LegalShield gives you the ability to talk to an attorney about any personal matter without worrying about high hourly costs and have 24/7 emergency assistance. Giebler presented information regarding LegalShield's Identity Theft Plan and the Legal Plan. The plans each have a separate monthly fee for an individual or family insurance membership. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to authorize LegalShield representatives to introduce LegalShield products to the county employees with enrollment type of Self-Payment method. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.



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The Board received information from Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, regarding funding and an EM4420172 Project Agreement for a communications study. Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and the Board discussed the project agreement between the counties of Boone, Merrick, Nance and Platte Valley Communications. The county communications project is collecting technical data for communications systems within each county to evaluate communication interoperability. The Platte Valley Communications estimate for the study is \$9,500.00. The assessment will provide a comprehensive overview of the public safety radio system infrastructure within each county. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County of Boone project share of \$3,166.67 and authorize the Board Vice Chairman to sign the EM4420172 Project Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

An annual Weed Superintendent report is due January 31st each year and is submitted to Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Protection. The Boone County Weed Board is the same members as the Boone County Board of Commissioners. The County Weed Superintendent position is vacant as of January 5, 2017. The Board reviewed the 2016 year-end/2017 year-anticipated weed report. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the County Weed Board members present to sign the annual weed reports. Roll call vote: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Boone County Employee Handbook classification of an As-Needed Employee, is an employee who is employed on an “as-needed” basis for a nonspecific period and works less than 20 hours in a week. Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, and the Board discussed the County Treasurer’s office needing an as-needed employee during certain times of the year to help with work at the counter. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, to hire an As-Needed employee. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

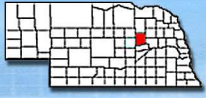
The Board received four quotes for a used pickup. The 2004 Chevrolet pickup is a two-wheel drive that is used for pickup work for the County Assessor’s office and other county functions. The Board felt it was time to upgrade the two-wheel drive to a four-wheel drive due to the recent weather/county road conditions. The quotes do not include any additions of accessories. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the Schalk Auto, Inc. approximate quote of \$18,700.00 plus accessories, for a 2014 Dodge Ram four-wheel drive pickup, with trade-in of the 2004 Chevrolet Silverado two-wheel drive pickup. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

There are several legislative bills introduced that involves county government and some appear to have unfunded mandates. The proposed LB544 would eliminate, phase out, the County offices of District Court and combine the District Court duties with the State offices of County Courts for a Unified Court. The provisions of LB544 still leaves the County responsible for providing the majority of the funding for a State office. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to enter a written opposition testimony to LB544, mirroring the position taken by the Nebraska Association of County Officials. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Open Discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Albion Chamber asked if the Board would consider putting lights around the courthouse roof. The consensus of the Board is not to pay for lights.
- The Albion Chamber is planning an event for Nebraska’s 150th Celebration on March 1, 2017.

Vice Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 12:57 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2017.



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Kathy Thorberg, Boone County Clerk