



# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 24, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, were scheduled to meet in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, February 24, 2017 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska. Due to adverse winter weather the Board of Commissioners closed the Courthouse until noon, therefore the Board of Commissioners meeting started at noon.

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

Due to the adverse winter weather the Board re-scheduled the County Safety Committee meeting agenda item to the February 27, 2017 Board meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$93,464.46, BCBS \$44,193.24, Ameritas Ret \$6,478.57, EFTPS \$6,951.87, Section 125 Fees \$15.00, Wellness Program \$114.88; Road \$49,802.97, BCBS \$24,393.44, Ameritas Ret \$3,361.69, EFTPS \$3,754.13; Ambulance \$2,338.92, Ameritas Ret \$75.93, EFTPS \$178.93; and Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of February 13, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Abstain: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the County Board One and Six Year Road Public Hearing Proceedings of February 13, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Abstain: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for a wine tasting/purchase event from Miretta Vineyards & Winery Inc., dba Miletta Vista Winery of St. Paul, Nebraska. The event is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Boone County Event Center, Albion, Nebraska in conjunction with the Boone County Home, Farm & Garden Show event. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve, as presented, the Application for a Special Designated Liquor License request from the Miretta Vineyards & Winery Inc., dba Miletta Vista Winery of St. Paul, Nebraska for the Boone County Home, Farm & Garden Show event scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, contacted Ag & Industrial Equipment regarding types of power washers. The County Road Shop District #2 is in need of a power washer to replace the garden hose when washing the county vehicles/equipment. Jim Zoucha, Ag & Industrial Equipment representative, presented information on different types of power washers, use of hot/cold water, costs of new/used power washers, and safety when using a power washer. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to purchase a used Alkota two-year/re-conditioned power washer with a new 100' hose and other accessories for \$3,500.00 from Ag Industrial Equipment for County Road Shop District #2. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed several topics:



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- Area road conditions due to inclement weather.
- The Board and Robinson discussed phone calls received regarding county road conditions.
- The Board and Robinson discussed types of oil burners/used oil to heat the road shop(s) and the storage of the used oil with Jim Zoucha, Ag & Industrial Equipment of Orchard, Nebraska. The Board and Robinson will review the information and decide at a later date regarding the heating of the road shop(s).
- Robinson and the Board discussed several minor road projects.

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 Donald J. Gasper/DJ Gasper Transfer, LLC; Allen Primrose/PPK Transportation, LLC; and Randy Schlecht/Schlecht Trucking, LLC. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Non-Exclusive Contracts for Services as accepted and approved by the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed engineering services for road projects. Robinson said that bridge and culvert construction projects require engineering services before replacement/new installation. Robinson said she has worked with Brian McDonald, JEO, in the past and is comfortable with his work. Robinson plans to visit with Brian McDonald/JEO regarding contractual services for engineering projects.

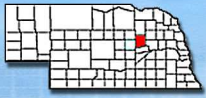
The Board and Robinson discussed the General Road Foreman starting hourly wage that is set in the Boone County Employee Handbook. The Board discussed the starting hourly wage and felt it needed to be changed to include a range based on experience. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to change the General Road Foreman starting hourly wage from \$16.45 to \$18.00 - \$22.00, based on experience effective March 1, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and Robinson discussed the new position of County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician. This position answers to the Board regarding the weed program and to the Highway Superintendent regarding the signage program. Both positions require certifications. The County Weed Superintendent certification requires 20 hours annually of continuing education. The starting hourly salary for the position will be \$15.58 with the possibility of an increase of \$.58 per hour for completion of the weed certification and an increase of \$.58 per hour for completion of the signage technician certification. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to set the starting hourly wage for the County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician at \$15.58, with a possible increase of \$.58 per hour for each certification upon review by the Board, effective March 1, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and Highway Superintendent discussed budgeting for the new position of County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician. Presently the County Weed budget expenses are a function within the General Fund. The County Weed budget expenses may be set up as a function within the Road Fund. The consensus of the Board and Highway Superintendent is to set up a function within the Road Fund for the County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician expenses.

Open discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Board discussed who would attend the various meetings scheduled next week.
- Commissioner Maricle shared information with the Board regarding the legislation discussions on property tax issues.



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- The Board reviewed correspondence they received from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP; Nebraska Department of Natural Resources; and City of Albion.
- Rod Nelson, Maintenance, updated the Board regarding the heat/cool units for the courthouse and why a portion of the building has been extremely warm. Nelson said that Eller Heating, Air Conditioning & Plumbing, LLC of Columbus repairs/maintenance of the heat/cool roof top units and Engineered Controls, Inc. of Omaha repairs/maintenance of the thermostats, etc. inside the courthouse building.
- Commissioner Maricle updated the Board regarding correspondence concerning the Dahlsborg Cemetery. The cemetery discussion will be an agenda item for the March 13, 2017 Board meeting.
- Commissioner Maricle noted that due to adverse winter weather the Courthouse was closed until noon on Friday, February 24, 2017, therefore the closing changed the Board meeting start time from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. The notification system through the County Sheriff's office, email and the Columbus and Norfolk radio stations were used to notify the department heads, employees and public of the Courthouse not opening until Noon on Friday, February 24, 2017.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 3:44 P.M., the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk