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BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 27, 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 27, 2017, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Maricle called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Hilary K. Maricle, Alan Rasmussen and Ken Luettel. 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.

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 Hilary K. Maricle, Ken Luettel and Alan Rasmussen, Denny Johnson, Rod Nelson, Stacey Robinson, Tom Smith, Kathy Thorberg and Jacqueline Wells. Nelson addressed old business regarding the need to repair/replace some of the sidewalk this spring on the courthouse property. New business was discussed: (1) Smith updated the group regarding emergency management activities and plans to prepare a Boone County Emergency Action Plan; (2) Smith plans to contact NIRMA to set up a date/time for a safety walk through of the courthouse and county buildings; (3) Smith suggested that the county employees participate in a Tornado Drill during the siren tests on March 29, 2017 and schedule a Fire Drill for county employees. The committee discussed preventability and safety suggestions were addressed by the committee regarding worker's compensation claims. The next safety committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Monday, May 15, 2017. The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Rod Nelson at 9:33 A.M.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the County Board Proceedings of February 24, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of February 24, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, advertised for sealed gravel bids in the Albion News. Robinson informed the Board that no bids were received for gravel. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to authorize Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, to continue purchasing gravel and other aggregate material as needed at the available price and quality on the open market. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, advertised for sealed culvert bids in the Albion News. Robinson informed the Board that no bids were received for culverts. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to authorize Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, to continue purchasing the culvert(s) size needed for project(s) at the available price and quality on the open market. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dave Noble and Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. and the Board discussed options for the use of the property south of the present fairgrounds that the County of Boone purchased in November, 2016. There is approximately 28 acres of the 35 acres that is crop ground. The Ag Society and Board have been



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contacted by several area farmers expressing interest in renting the crop ground. The Board made no decision at this time for the use of the land.

Dave Noble and Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. and the Board discussed re-payment of the Ag Society 2014 loan from the County Inheritance Tax Fund. The agreement within the Resolution No. 2014-24 and 2015-21 is that the loan to help with the consulting fee, environmental study and promotional material for a fund raising campaign for a new enclosed arena/multi-purpose building be repaid to the County of Boone Inheritance Tax Fund from private donations. Rolf and Noble asked the Board if they would accept repayment in two installments, one being \$7,000.00 today and the balance in the fall. The repayment of the loan will be from the Boone County Agricultural Society special activities account due to no private donations. The consensus of the Board is to accept the two installments.

Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc., discussed Special Designated License(s) for the Boone County Fair events with the Board. Rolf was provided information regarding the State of Nebraska Liquor Control Commission's new on-line portal. The previous forms used for Special Designated License Applications are no longer accepted effective February 1, 2017. Rolf plans to complete the Special Designated License initial registration through the new on-line portal for non-profit organizations. Upon completion of the new on-line process, the Special Designated License(s) request for the Boone County Fair, will be re-scheduled for Board approval at a later date.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board Chairman interviewed applicants for the General Road Foreman position and offered the position to Daniel Stankoski of Genoa, Nebraska. Robinson informed the Board that Stankoski has a CDL license and Class A Highway Superintendent license. Robinson informed the Board that Stankoski accepted the General Road Foreman position and will need to attend the same Highway Superintendent conferences/meetings in order to renew his Class A license. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the hiring of Daniel Stankoski as General Road Foreman beginning March 20, 2017 at a starting hourly wage of \$22.00 per hour. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board Chairman interviewed applicants for the County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician position and offered the position to Jack Nordeen of Albion, Nebraska. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the hiring of Jack Nordeen as the County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician beginning March 13, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Open discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Board discussed who would attend the various meetings scheduled this week.
- Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed road equipment maintenance and motor grader repairs.
- Rod Nelson, Maintenance, presented an estimate for repairs from NMC for the Winco generator at the Sheriff's office at the February 13, 2017 Board meeting. Nelson informed the Board that there were repairs made to the WINCO generator that were not included in the NMC previous quote, therefore, the generator repair expense will increase.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to go into executive session at 11:32 A.M., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410(D), Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas:



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Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board met and discussed employee issues regarding an employee evaluation with the County Zoning Administrator, Highway Superintendent and Clerk. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to come out of the executive session at 12:07 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Commissioner Rasmussen excused himself at 12:08 P.M.

The Board discussed who would attend the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission Board meeting tonight at 7:00 P.M. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to recess said Board meeting at 12:11 P.M. in order for the Board of Commissioners to attend the 7:00 P.M. County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chairman Maricle arrived at the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission Board meeting at 7:01 P.M. Commissioner Chairman Maricle made a motion to reconvene the Boone County Board of Commissioners meeting on February 27, 2017, second by Luettel upon his arrival at 7:20 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners and the County Planning and Zoning Commission Board discussed possible changes to the Boone County Zoning regulations. No decisions were made.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to adjourn said meeting at 8:52 P.M. on February 27, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk