

# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS MARCH 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, March 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 Alan Rasmussen, Hilary K. Maricle 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 Board reviewed the payroll claims and discussed the employee claims with overtime/compensatory time accumulation. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$85,492.92, BCBS \$44,193.24, Ameritas Ret \$5,914.88, EFTPS \$6,343.94, Section 125 Fees \$15.00, Wellness Program \$114.88; Road \$48,380.45, BCBS \$24,393.44, Ameritas Ret \$3,265.71, EFTPS \$3,643.36; Ambulance \$350.10, Ameritas Ret \$20.93, EFTPS \$26.78; and Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the County Board Proceedings of March 20, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board, Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, discussed the county automobile fleet at previous Board meetings. The annual FFA auction is scheduled for April 2, 2017. The road department has a 1993 Chevrolet pickup and the sheriff department has a 2010 Ford Explorer to consign. Luettel said he would be available on April 2, 2017 to represent the county vehicles. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to consign the two said vehicles on the FFA auction scheduled for April 2, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board opened the two proposals submitted for the courthouse lawn care. The Board and Rod Nelson, Maintenance, reviewed the proposals. The 4-Step program with fertilizer, weed control, grub control, insecticide and iron proposals were received from Jarecki Lawncare Greenhouse, LLC - \$1,200.00 and Schrad's KLawn - \$1,275.00. Jim Jarecki and Steve Schrad were present at the Board meeting to present and answer questions regarding their proposals. Schrad uses liquid form and Jarecki uses granular form for fertilizer and liquid form for weed control. The Board noted that the last several years the lawn care services have been alternated between the two businesses. Commissioner Luettel addressed the alternating of services each year due to the businesses both being located in Boone County and do a good job. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the 2017 lawn care proposal for the courthouse lawn care from Schrad's KLawn for \$1,275.00 for one year with the option to take lawn care bids and/or rotate the lawn care services each year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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

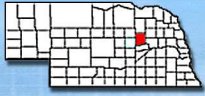
- Robinson updated the Board regarding road/bridge maintenance, materials and projects.
- Robinson informed the Board that the road department received a complementary thank you regarding road maintenance on a county road south of St. Edward.
- Robinson and the Board discussed upcoming road projects, road employee work schedule and safety kits/issues.

Jeff Jarecki, Public Defender, presented a report to the Board regarding the status of court cases since his appointment to the position in August 2012. Jarecki reported that the cases assigned in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 are all completed. Jarecki reported that he was assigned forty-five cases in 2016 with two cases remaining open. Jarecki reported that he has been assigned ten cases to date in 2017. Jarecki answered the Board's questions regarding conflict of interest and closed/open cases. Jarecki explained that there are times when he cannot defend the assigned case since he is already defending one of the parties involved. The Board thanked Jarecki for the updated report and his diligent services. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to accept and approve the Boone County Public Defender report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board asked Jeff Jarecki, Jarecki Yosten PC LLO, to draft a lease for the cropland acres that the county purchased in November 2016 south of the present fairgrounds. The Board contacted Jarecki for his services due to the county attorney not being familiar with farm ground leases. The Board received and reviewed a Representation Letter from Jarecki regarding the preparation of a cropland lease. Jarecki said that the Representation Letter is a formality requirement by the malpractice insurance provider. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Representation Letter regarding a lease of the county owned cropland. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. 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 Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department requested assistance to advertise the Fire Department Cruise Night and Dance fundraiser scheduled for June 3, 2017. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Maricle brought back to the Board the LegalShield identity protection services for employees. LegalShield representatives presented information regarding identity theft protection and ID theft consulting at the February 13, 2017 Board meeting and presented information regarding LegalShield's Identity Theft Plan and the Legal Plan to the county employees. Maricle said she had been approached by several employees inquiring if the County would provide the LegalShield services as a benefit for employees. Maricle presented the idea to the Board as paying the LegalShield Identity Theft Plan monthly fee of \$8.95 for each employee in lieu of a cost of living raise in January 2018. The Board discussed pros and cons of paying for another employee benefit, cost of living raise, payroll deduction and/or self-payment for the services. The Board reaffirms the decision/motion made at their February 13, 2017 Board meeting, that authorized LegalShield representatives to introduce LegalShield products to the county employees with enrollment type of Self-Payment method.



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Open discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Board discussed who would attend the various meetings scheduled this week.
- Commissioner Luettel shared information with the Board regarding the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc.
- Commissioner Maricle shared information with the Board regarding the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc.
- The Board reviewed information received from Mark E. Johnson, TransCanada representative, regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- The Board received the NIRMA 2016 Annual Report for their review.
- The Board discussed information received from the Board Boot Camp they attended regarding nonprofit organizations compliancy.
- Ryan Broker, Constituent Services Representative, will be holding local office hours on behalf of U.S. Senator Ben Sasse at the Boone County Courthouse on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. to hear public concerns.

The Board discussed who would attend the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission Board meeting tonight at 7:30 P.M. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to recess said Board meeting at 12:27 P.M. in order for the Board of Commissioners to attend the 7:30 P.M. County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Chairman Maricle, second by Luettel to reconvene the Boone County Board of Commissioners meeting on March 27, 2017 at 7:37 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. 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 the Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:13 P.M. on March 27, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk