



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS APRIL 26, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 26, 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 and Ken Luettel. Absent: 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.

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer for District Five Probation, appeared before the Board. Rodriguez introduced herself as the recently appointed Chief Probation Officer for the eleven counties comprising District Five Probation. Rodriguez explained that three probation officers handle the Boone County area with one handling juvenile cases, one handling low-risk probationers and one handling high-risk probationers. Last year, the district prepared 23 reports and had 44 clients. Due to the increased number of clients served in the county, Rodriguez indicated that the probation budget for Boone County would be increased by approximately \$696.00 to \$8,496.00. The budget has been submitted for approval to the Platte County Commissioners as the principal county for the district. Rodriguez explained some of the programs provided by the district and indicated that they have been advocating using Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Inc. for detention purposes.

The Board reviewed the payroll claims and discussed the employee claims with overtime/compensatory time accumulation. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$93,476.55, BCBS \$44,193.24, Ameritas Ret \$6,468.61, EFTPS \$6,954.66, Section 125 Fees \$15.00, Wellness Program \$114.88; Road \$58,909.60, BCBS \$26,760.90, Ameritas Ret \$3,976.41, EFTPS \$4,445.01; Ambulance \$3,636.65, Ameritas Ret \$119.92, EFTPS \$278.20; and Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the County Board Proceedings of April 17, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Jack Nordeen, County Weed Superintendent/Signage Technician, came before the Board to report on the sprayer attached to the weed pickup. The sprayer was custom built by Superior Industries for the pickup. The valves on the booms are not working and it is difficult to get anyone to work on the sprayer once chemicals have been run through it. The valves will need to be replaced. Commissioner Luettel suggested checking with Helena about new valves. Nordeen reported that the pickup is running fine. Commissioner Luettel indicated to Nordeen that he had attended a meeting where it was discussed that some counties spray the 4 corners of bridge approaches. Discussion was had regarding whether or not the county had paid for a carport to be put up at the former Weed Superintendent's residence for purposes of storing the weed pickup.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, presented her report to the Board. Items discussed were as follows:

- The road employees began their 4 – 10 hour day rotation on April 24, 2017. Other employee procedures were discussed regarding reducing road time when hauling gravel and helping fix crooked signs.
- Discussed several road, bridge and culvert projects. Robinson indicated that equipment was being moved in regarding the bridge project east of town. Also reported that she had received reports of vehicles crossing the barricades put up for that project.



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- Reported that the new pay loader kept at the District #2 road shop was having problems. Initially it was thought that the injectors were the problem so all the injectors were replaced but it is still not working properly. Further repairs will be needed, however, the pay loader is still under warranty. The two new gravel trailers were having issues and would need to be repaired as well. Discussed the possibility of acquiring a wheeled excavator for the county. Robinson indicated that she would be reviewing the road equipment/machinery and would like to sell any equipment/machinery not being used and use the funds to offset the purchase of a wheeled excavator.
- Robinson indicated that there were a number of low water crossing signs in the county which are only allowed on minimum maintenance roads. Several signs are located on roads not classified as minimum maintenance. Robinson was going to do some research on whether those signs were placed correctly.
- Robinson indicated that she would be helping the Signage Technician with signage inventory. Once the inventory is complete, then sign maintenance would be easier. Also, Robinson will be conducting a thorough inventory of each road shop.
- Jackson Services contract for the road shops was received and given to the County Clerk's office for further review.

Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff, appeared before the Board regarding the purchase of office furniture. He requested the purchase of 5 chairs for the basement offices, 1 2-drawer file cabinet and 1 5-drawer file cabinet. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel, to approve the purchase of 5 chairs, 1 2-drawer file cabinet and 1 5-drawer file cabinet for the Sheriff's Office. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen.

Paul Schilousky, Albion, Nebraska, appeared before the Board regarding a water issue that he is having at his residence along Highway No. 39 due to the water that flows along the West side of the railroad tracks. The Board indicated that the railroad is the cause of the water problem and that they have had similar issues and contacted the railroad and they refuse to do anything about it. Schilousky indicated that the standing water problem also creates a breeding ground for mosquitos and West Nile virus. Schilousky would like to see a storm drain off of Fairview Street straight to the river. Commissioner Maricle inquired as to whether there was a water study done with regard to the Fairview project and how it may affect any changes. Commissioners recommended that he talk to the Albion City Council regarding the problem and if necessary possibly the County and City could work together to correct the problem.

Jacqueline Wells, Veteran Service Officer, has registered to attend the annual Nebraska Association of Professional Veteran Advocates (NAPVA) meeting in Valentine, Nebraska from May 1-4, 2017. The Board received information that other Veteran Service Officers from other counties may carpool with the Boone County Veterans Service Officer to Valentine. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve other Nebraska County Veteran Service Officers to occupy the Boone County vehicle that is being used for transportation to the NAPVA meeting in Valentine, NE. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Open discussion and miscellaneous public comments:

- The Boone County Board of Commissioners published notice of a Special Informational Meeting in conjunction with the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission Board meeting to be held on Monday, April 24, 2017. Said meeting was cancelled due to no quorum of the Boone County Planning and Zoning Commission Board.
- Commissioner Luettel indicated that they had a possible purchaser for the blue 2010 Ford Explorer. The vehicle had been put on the FFA sale but did not sell because the minimum bid was not met. Luettel will check to see if the party is still interested in purchasing the vehicle and if so, it will be an action item for the May 8, 2017 agenda.
- The Board discussed meetings that they had attended and who would be attending the various meetings scheduled for this week.
- Commissioner Maricle indicated that Doug Koch, BCDA Director, had submitted his resignation. An advertisement was to be published in the Albion News, interviews held in June and a new director hopefully in place by July 1st.



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The County Board conducted a quarterly visit of the county jail pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 47-109 which states that it shall be the duty of the County Board of each county of this state to visit the jail of its county during each of its sessions in January, April, July and October of each year.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017.

Lorrie Nicklasson
Deputy Boone County Clerk