



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS MAY 24, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 24, 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 Ken Luettel and Alan Rasmussen. 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.

Vice Chairman Luettel opened the meeting and asked if there was any request(s) to amend the agenda today to add an emergency item. Larry Temme, Rae Valley Market, was present and requested an amendment to the Board's agenda to add a Special Designated License (SDL) request as an emergency item. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to add the SDL request as an emergency agenda item. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion Carried.

The requested agenda item is for a Special Designated License (SDL) for a June 10, 2017 reception/dance that is scheduled at a local parish located outside of city/village limits. Temme explained that his business has a catering license and was asked to cater a wedding reception/dance on June 10, 2017. The deadline for submission of a SDL application to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission is ten business days before the event. The next scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting is May 30, 2017, not enough allowable time for the SDL permit approval by the regulations of Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Due to the nature of allowable time for an SDL the Board of Commissioners explained to Temme that this is a one-time emergency agenda item. Temme thanked the Board for their assistance and any future SDL application requests will be submitted well in advance of the event. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the Special Designated License application submitted by Rae Valley Market for a June 10, 2017 reception/dance at the St. Bonaventure Church Hall, Raeville, Nebraska as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the payroll claims and discussed the employee claims with overtime/compensatory time accumulation. The Board appreciates and thanks the department heads that are explaining the reason for the employee's overtime hours. The Board plans to address their request with the department head(s) that are not explaining the reason for overtime hours on the signed employee payroll sheets. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$87,566.86, BCBS \$44,193.24, Ameritas Ret \$6,063.01, EFTPS \$6,502.60, Section 125 Fees \$15.00, Wellness Program \$114.88; Road \$51,695.56, BCBS \$24,760.90, Ameritas Ret \$3,489.46, EFTPS \$3,893.09; Ambulance \$1,798.36, Ameritas Ret \$56.16, EFTPS \$137.56; and Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of May 15, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of May 15, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Debra R. Pillen of Columbus, NE and Brad Brodersen, New York Life Insurance Company representatives, presented to the Board information regarding voluntary benefits that New York Life Insurance Company offers such as life insurance, long term care and retirement planning. Pillen briefed the Board of the company background and highlighted that rates are locked in upon the individual signing the document and any dividends/interest goes to the policy holder not the company. Each individual rates vary due to their age and the individual life insurance product(s) option they choose. The Board informed the insurance representatives that they plan to stay consistent with benefit representatives' presentations and not authorize their voluntary benefits as a payroll deduction. The Board will authorize them visiting with county employees at the employees' time and self-payment from their personal accounts. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to authorize New York Life Insurance Company representatives to introduce their products to the county employees with enrollment type of Self-Payment method. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Dave Boschult, Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program Specialist, updated the Board in regard to the weed program and overview of the 2016 Boone County noxious weed activity. Boschult informed the Board that his territory covers twenty-six counties. Boschult explained to the Board the required certifications a County Weed Superintendent needs to acquire and the twenty hours of continuing education each calendar year. The twenty hours of continuing education certification stays with the County not the individual. The County Weed Superintendent has an opportunity four times in a calendar year to become re-certified. Boschult informed the Board that Boone County newly appointed weed superintendent plans to take the certification exam today.

Rod Nelson, Maintenance, submitted an estimate for the Board to review regarding removal/replacement of sidewalk. The estimate from Boone County Concrete, Inc. of Albion for \$3,879.00 is for removing/replacing 127' of sidewalk on the Southside of courthouse and partial sidewalk patching on Northside of the courthouse. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the estimate of \$3,879.00 from Boone County Concrete, Inc. to remove/replace courthouse sidewalk 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 Missoula Children's Theatre event scheduled for June 19-24, 2017. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board regarding road/bridge maintenance, materials and projects. In addition, the following topics were discussed:

- Robinson updated the Board regarding equipment repair.
- Robinson informed the Board that the plans are to pour the concrete deck next week on County Road Bridge Project No. 383. Robinson said that once the concrete deck is poured it needs to set for fourteen days. Robinson and the Board discussed ideas to barricade the bridge project so there is absolutely no traffic on it within those fourteen days.



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- Robinson informed the Board that there appears to be some electric fence issues that will need to be addressed within the County.

The Board has been asked by department heads to consider possibly changing the courthouse open hours of service to be 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., with an employee half-hour unpaid lunch break, which still gives an employee an eight hour work day. The offices with two or more employees are presently staggering the hour lunch breaks and several times are short handed to serve the public when the majority of the busy time averages between 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. A half hour lunch break will be more beneficial for the customers where an office staffs one employee. Currently there are 52 Nebraska Courthouse's that close at 4:00 P.M. or 4:30 P.M. The Board plans to discuss the request at their Tuesday, May 30, 2017 Board meeting.

Miscellaneous public comments:

- Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services, provided health insurance information for stand-alone NE BCBS and United Healthcare.

Vice Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk