



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JUNE 12, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:05 A.M. on Monday, June 12, 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 Board reviewed and discussed a few of the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment with the respective department head. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds as follows: General - \$189,268.88; Road/Weed - \$275,594.41; County Visitors Promotion - \$400.00; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$1,369.60; 911 Wireless Services (2913) - \$2,907.76; Ambulance - \$1,700.33. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve an Accounts Payable Vendor Claim filed for payment on the Road fund for Vendor ID No. 801 in the amount of \$2,652.10, a non-exclusive contract for services to back-haul aggregate for the county. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Abstain: Luettel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of May 30, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for May, 2017:

- Clerk - \$15,417.75 (State of Nebraska \$9,063.51)(County of Boone \$6,354.24)
- Clerk of the District Court - \$1,058.62 (State of Nebraska \$431.00/Credit of \$40.25)(County of Boone \$667.87)
- Sheriff - \$1,720.21
- Planning & Zoning - \$50.26
- Treasurer - Treasurer's Fees - \$66.00; Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 15692-15744 - \$442,730.06; Total Collections - \$2,548,572.16

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 St. Edward Community Club requested assistance to advertise the St. Edward Community Club Beaver Valley Days event scheduled for July 28-30, 2017. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Neil Baumgartner, Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department, discussed the asphalt portion of a county road known as 145th Street west of Petersburg with the Board and Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent. Baumgartner said that 145th Street west of Petersburg is a main route for areas west and northwest of Petersburg for fire/rescue calls and when responding as mutual aid. Baumgartner informed the Board that it is a high traffic road when in good condition, but has deteriorated over the past several years. The county road has approximately five miles of asphalt that is being patched often and is dangerous. The first mile of asphalt that is mostly in Petersburg village limits is in good condition and the remaining length of asphalt is what is in need of good repair. Baumgartner said his first choice for the Board to consider would be to restore the asphalt on all five miles. If that is not affordable, keep the first mile as asphalt and restore the road to a solid gravel surface in sections of the road that cannot be asphalt. Baumgartner informed the Board that there are several natural water springs in the hills west of Petersburg and that they may be contributing to the spongy portions of the county road. The Board decided to have an engineer study completed to determine costs and ideas for more permanent repairs.

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

- Robinson informed the Board that the deck on the County Road Bridge Project #383 north of Albion has been poured. The approach to the bridge and dirt work still need to be completed.
- Work is started on the County Road Bridge Project #384, located on 320th Street west of 310th Avenue.
- Robinson plans to ask the county attorney to generate a letter to landowners found in violation of crops being planted in the county road right-of-ways.

The Boone County Ambulance Service is registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Every three years a renewal registration application needs to be completed and a non-refundable fee needs to be sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The requirements are under the Controlled Substances Act. The current registration expires July 30, 2017. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Renewal Application for Registration for the Boone County Ambulance with a new expiration of July 30, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nebraska State Statute 80-101 refers to County Veterans Service Committee appointments and terms. The committee members are five-year terms. The term of Ronald Braun of Cedar Rapids expires in June 2017. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to re-appoint Ronald Braun of Cedar Rapids to a five-year term expiring in June 2022 to the Boone County Veterans Service Board. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the drafting of a lease agreement between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Ed Knott, Applied Connective Technologies LLC. The County owns the real estate and Ed Knott/Applied Connective Technologies LLC owns the communications tower that is sitting on the county property south of the county fairgrounds. The Board plans to visit with Ed Knott regarding the future of his communications tower at one of the next Board meetings.

The Board received a request from Dustin Will, Benefits Management, of Lincoln, Nebraska requesting the opportunity to quote a stand-alone BCBS Health Insurance policy for county employees. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve Benefits Management to provide a stand-alone BCBS Health Insurance quote through the employee application paper/electronic procedure. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Larry Temme, Rae Valley Market LLC, presented an application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for July 7, 2017. The Board reviewed the application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for a wedding reception scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2017 at the St. Bonaventure Church Hall in Raeville, NE. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve, as presented, the Application for a Special Designated Liquor License request from Rae Valley Market LLC for a wedding reception at St. Bonaventure Church Hall, Raeville, Nebraska on July 7, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received information from the Lancaster County Youth Services Center to review. Boone County is a member of the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc. of Madison, Nebraska. Commissioner Luettel said he would review the information from Lancaster County Services for comparability to the Northeast Nebraska Services. Commissioner Luettel represents Boone County on the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Board. The Board took no action today in regard to the Lancaster County Youth Services Center information.

The Board; Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager; Denny Johnson, County Sheriff; and John Buck, Deputy Sheriff; continued the discussion from the May 30, 2017 Board meeting regarding the Emergency Management Project EM4420172. The Region 44 Emergency Management counties are Boone, Nance and Merrick. Johnson presented to the Board a preliminary look at the county's expenses to continue maintaining a dispatch center and jail on its own; projected expense for jail only and join the three county proposed communications center; and expenses for law enforcement only with the communications center being a part of the three county region located in Nance County and the housing of prisoners in Antelope County. Johnson and Smith said they would meet to do a detailed analysis of costs estimates to determine whether the consolidated communication system would provide savings to Boone County.

The Board, Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and John Buck, Deputy Sheriff, discussed the estimated construction costs for the Phase 1 upgrades of the jail portion of the law enforcement building. The preliminary costs submitted by Prochaska & Associates for Phase 1, Jail Upgrades is \$129,500.00 plus miscellaneous project costs. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to proceed with the Phase 1 Jail Upgrades as submitted by Prochaska & Associates for approximately \$129,500.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Barb Hanson, County Assessor, submitted estimates for appraisal services from Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. of Central City, Nebraska for commercial properties and commercial hog operations located in Boone County, Nebraska for the Board to review. The amount of the proposal to provide the appraisal of 369 Commercial parcels in Boone County is \$73,800.00. The amount of the proposal to provide the appraisal of 37 Commercial Hog Operation parcels in Boone County is \$12,025.00. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve Stanard Appraisal Services to prepare agreements for the Boone County Commercial and Commercial Hog Operation parcels as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments: LEPC meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on June 20, 2017 at the Albion Fire Hall.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:38 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk