



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JUNE 19, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, June 19, 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 Ken Luettel, Alan Rasmussen and Hilary K. Maricle. 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.

Andy Devine, Albion City Administrator, Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc., and Rex Mahoney, Recreational Trails Committee, presented information to the Board regarding a possible Nebraska Game and Parks grant application for a potential trail project at the Albion City Park and Boone County Fairground areas. Devine said that the Recreation Trails Committee is here to present some information to the Board prior to requesting formal action on the grant application. The Recreational Trails Committee members are Jay Wolf, Chuck Rolf, Doug Koch, Mitch Glesinger, Mollie Morrow, Rex Mahoney, Ben Edwards and Andy Devine. Doug Koch and Mitch Glesinger, BCDA, Inc., and Ed Knott, Applied Connective Technologies, LLC, joined the informational meeting. Koch said recent area surveys indicated that there is interest for an area for individuals to walk safely and to not be walking in the city/village streets. Devine explained that the committee has held preliminary meetings to discuss potential grant applications to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Recreational Trails Program. This program provides eighty percent match up to \$250,000.00 for each approved trail project in the state and available only to political subdivisions. The group discussed submitting an application from the City of Albion for a proposed area around Fuller Park and extending south along Eighth Street, thence west to connect to County property. The discussion for submitting an application from the County of Boone, Nebraska for a proposed area beginning at the southeast corner of the property the County purchased in November 2016, running thence west to the Fairgrounds Road, thence North along the County property and County Fairgrounds property, thence East through the County Fairgrounds property to Fuller Park. The group estimated each project to be approximately one mile. The committee members emphasized that the trail routes are preliminary and subject to change. The committee members suggested asking for the twenty percent matching funds through a local/county wide fundraiser event.

Edmond Knott, Applied Connective Technologies, LLC, is the owner of the old county communications tower that sits on the real estate that the county purchased in November 2016. The Board and Knott discussed a Lease Agreement regarding the real estate that the old communication tower sits on and the possibility of moving Applied Connective Technologies equipment to the county's new tower in the future, if the old tower is removed. The Board and Knott agreed on a yearly lease in the amount of \$1,000.00. The current lease will end December 31, 2017 and this lease shall continue in effect from year to year thereafter until written notice of termination is given by either party to the other at least six (6) months before the annual expiration of this lease. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve a Lease Agreement between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Applied Connective Technologies, LLC as presented. 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 June 12, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of June 12, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

As provided by State Statute, Section 23-1302, the County Clerk shall certify to the County Treasurer as of June 15 and December 15 each year the total amount of unpaid claims of the county. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve and accept the Certification from the County Clerk to the County Treasurer as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schmeits, Mueller & Martinsen, P.C., Richard Martinsen, CPA, submitted a Letter of Understanding regarding the preparation of the annual county budget. The budget document that Martinsen assists with is being prepared solely for fulfilling the State of Nebraska budget law requirements. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the Letter of Understanding with Schmeits, Mueller & Martinsen, P.C., Richard D. Martinsen, CPA, to assist in the preparation of the county budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Sheriff, presented figures he put together in regard to starting base wages for a new law enforcement deputy employee that is non-certified and certified for the Board to review. Johnson used only one county for comparison which in turns makes Boone County starting wage of \$15.00/hr. for non-certified and \$15.58/hr. for certified look low. Johnson plans to put together more of a comparison package which includes paid benefits from more than one County that is comparable in size with Boone County. Boone County pays the full family health insurance premium, where the majority of the counties do not pay the full family premium. Johnson will present more figures at a future Board meeting.

An Agreement with Darla McIntosh to provide meals for the prisoner(s) held in the Boone County Jail ends June 30, 2017. The Board and Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, discussed the terms of the present agreement. Johnson asked the Board to table a decision to their June 28, 2017 Board meeting. A new Agreement with Darla McIntosh to provide meals for the prisoner(s) will be an agenda item on June 28, 2017.

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. The Board approved Benefit Management's request to quote a health insurance policy at their June 12, 2017 Board meeting. Benefit Management submitted a Business Associate Contract for the Board Chairman to sign regarding the approval for a stand-alone BCBS Health Insurance quote through the employee application paper/electronic procedure. After receiving approval to provide a quote, Dustin Will, Benefit Management, requested that the Board approve sharing of employee health insurance information with/from another insurance agent being NACO Benefits. In discussion, the Board felt that the Nebraska Blue Cross Blue Shield is the current trusted health insurance company in Nebraska. The Board felt that each insurance agent needs to complete their own application process and not ask the Board to tell another insurance agent that they have to share their application information with other insurance companies. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to not approve the sharing of the employee's health insurance application information between insurance agents/companies. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to go into executive session at 11:17 A.M., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410, for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board met with the County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician to discuss a personnel issue. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to come out of the executive session at 11:26 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Public Comments:

- The Board physically looked at the condition of the county weed spraying equipment.
- The Board received information regarding the motto “In God We Trust” printed on eight foot vinyl banners.
- Meetings: Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. – June 19, 2017; BCDA, Inc. – June 21, 2017; Boone County Planning & Zoning Commission – June 26, 2017; and Boone County Health Center – June 27, 2017.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk