

# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JUNE 28, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 28, 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, Ken Luettel and 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.

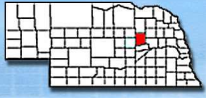
Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the County Payroll Claims and Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General Payroll \$96,929.64, Juror Costs \$1,891.86, BCBS \$49,711.10, Ameritas Ret \$6,711.91, EFTPS \$7,210.86, Section 125 Fees \$15.00, Wellness Program \$114.88; Road \$60,797.75, BCBS \$30,495.80, Ameritas Ret \$4,103.85, EFTPS \$4,588.65; Ambulance \$1,290.79, Ameritas Ret \$43.04, EFTPS \$98.73; and Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of June 19, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. 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 Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Petersburg Community Club 'Bash In The Burg' event scheduled for August 5, 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, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, and Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, submitted a Distress Warrant Report with regard to the 2015 personal property taxes. The distress warrants that were issued in November 2016, were all collected by the County Sheriff's office and returned back to the County Treasurer's office on June 23, 2017. The total collected on twenty distress warrants without penalties was \$3,207.92. There are no distress warrants unpaid as of June 23, 2017. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to accept and approve the County Sheriff and Treasurer's Distress Warrant Report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An Agreement with Darla McIntosh to provide meals for the prisoner(s) held in the Boone County Jail expires June 30, 2017. The Boone County Sheriff's office submitted a renewal Agreement with the rates remaining the same that were approved and effective on September 19, 2016. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve an Agreement with Darla McIntosh to provide meals for the prisoner(s) held in the Boone County Jail, effective July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, with the understanding that the Agreement may be extended on the same terms and conditions by written Agreement of the Boone County Board of Commissioners, Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff, and Darla McIntosh, Independent Contractor. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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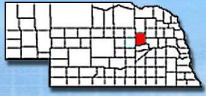
Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc., Kurt Kruse of Albion, and Bill Robinson of Cedar Rapids, were present at the Board meeting to discuss the replacement of the existing livestock building located on the fairgrounds property. The group asked the Board for their support in regard to building a new building on the fairgrounds property to replace the deteriorating livestock building. Rolf said that the previous three year campaign project for a new enclosed arena/multi-purpose building project did not materialize. The enclosed arena/multi-purpose building campaign idea was for the facility to be built with public donation funding of approximately \$7,500,000.00. Kruse said that since the private funds for the previous project did not materialize the focus is to address the need for a more functional livestock building. Commissioner Maricle said we need a larger and updated arena for the memorial weekend and county fair livestock shows. Commissioner Luettel said that he recently toured the new fairgrounds building in Merrick County and felt that type of building may fulfill the livestock needs at the fairgrounds. The group asked the Board if they would support/provide funding for an architect/engineer design in order for the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. to move forward with replacement of the existing livestock facility.

The County Clerk was asked to work with Richard Martinsen, CPA, to determine the budgeting process and which entity is to pay for the architect/engineering costs to design a new livestock building to be located on the fairgrounds property. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to support the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. in moving forward to seek an architect/engineering firm to design a new building to replace the existing livestock facility located on the fairgrounds property. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ross Davidson of Albion discussed noxious weed problem areas and crops planted in the county road right-of-ways with the Board, Jack Nordeen, County Weed Superintendent and Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent. The group held a lengthy discussion in regard to area pastures/fields that have an abundance of Leafy Spurge and Musk Thistle. Davidson said that they have asked neighboring landowner(s) to spray or remove the noxious weeds for years to help stop the spreading of the noxious weeds to their ground. Nordeen explained the protocol procedure of notifications to the landowner(s) before the county can spray the noxious weeds. Robinson explained the protocol procedure for landowner(s) planting crops in county road right-of-ways and the notifications that she plans to send to the landowner(s). The Board and Robinson said that the areas where the crops are planted in the county road right-of-ways which present safety and visibility issues will result in the crop(s) being removed.

Edmond Knott, Applied Connective Technologies LLC, and the Board discussed the Agreements that the County of Boone has regarding IT related needs for the county equipment, Managed Network/Firewall Services and Antivirus protection for the county owned computers. Knott informed the Board that the past years there were three separate Agreements expiring at different times of the year. Knott said that the three agreements have been consolidated into one agreement entitled "Responsive IT Service Agreement Includes Endpoint Protection and Managed Firewall Services" beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> each fiscal year. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the "Responsive IT Service Agreement Includes Endpoint Protection and Managed Firewall Services" between the Boone County Courthouse and Applied Connective Technologies, LLC for \$13,463.00 for the fiscal year 2017-2018 to be billed and paid in monthly payments for only County owned equipment as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Sheriff, submitted a written resignation for the Board to review from a full time employee in the Sheriff's office. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to accept the resignation of Maddison Oltjenbruns, Jail Dispatcher, effective June 30, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Meagan J. Deichert, Attorney, submitted a Termination of Lease document for the Board to review and sign regarding a release of bonds for Global Industries. In December of 2000 the Board of Commissioners signed a Site Lease and Memorandum of Lease in regard to Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. The bonds have been paid in full and Diechert submitted the Termination of Lease to be signed by the Board and recorded in the real estate records. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Termination of Lease document and to be recorded in the Boone County Register of Deeds office as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Barb Hanson, County Assessor, presented two contracts for appraisal services from Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. of Central City, Nebraska for the Board to review. The contracts are for appraisal review of the Commercial properties to properly equalize property values in Boone County, Nebraska. The compensation is for 369 Commercial parcels for \$73,800.00 and 37 Commercial Hog Operations for \$12,025.00 to be billed and paid in monthly payments. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Contracts for Appraisal Services between the County of Boone and Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Doug Koch and Mitch Glesinger, Boone County Development Agency, Inc. representatives, appeared before the Board regarding the Membership Agreement and Disbursement Agreement for fiscal year, 2017-2018. Koch indicated that the information in the agreements were basically the same as the prior year and that pursuant to the terms of the agreements, they need to be approved on a yearly basis. The County of Boone, NE financial contribution to the BCDA, Inc. for fiscal year 2017-2018 is 80% of the operating budget. The \$105,784.80 is paid from the County Inheritance Tax Fund.

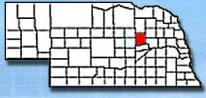
Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Membership Agreement for fiscal year, 2017-2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Disbursement Agreement for fiscal year, 2017-2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Doug Koch and Mitch Glesinger, Boone County Development Agency, Inc. representatives, updated the Board in regard to the economic development group activities and an overview of available resources to help business.

Jack Nordeen, County Weed Superintendent/Signage Technician presented to the Board a copy of his Commercial Pesticide Applicator License and a copy of the letter showing his Sign Technician certification. Nordeen updated the Board in regard to weed activity. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve a twenty-nine cent hourly pay increase for the Weed Superintendent License and twenty-nine cent hourly pay increase for the Sign Technician certification retroactive to be effective with the beginning of the June 22, 2017 payroll period. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and Nordeen discussed the County owned weed spraying equipment. Nordeen said that some parts need replacing on the sprayer. The Board suggested that Nordeen keep researching to see if he can find the necessary sprayer parts, before the Board discusses looking at new spraying equipment.



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Tanya Sharp and Vic Lee, Boone County Health Center representatives, and the Board discussed the appointment of two members to the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees. Ads have been in newspapers since the week of May 15, 2017 for residents to apply for the two open positions. The Board received two applications to review. Sharp informed the Board that the Board of Trustees By Laws state the applicant needs to be a resident of Boone County. One of the applicants is not a Boone County resident. Sharp said that the Health Center Board of Trustees discussed moving their time of day for their monthly meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, to either morning or over the noon hour as several indicated that evening meetings do not work in their schedules. Sharp plans to contact the two applicants and update them on today's discussion. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to continue advertising with a deadline of July 21, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in the Albion News and to review applications at their Board meeting on July 26, 2017 at 11:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried

The Fund 2913 "911 Wireless Service Fund" was established by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and receives the Nebraska Public Service Commission funding for public safety answering points for the implementation and provision of Enhanced Wireless 911 services. The Fund 2914 "911 Wireless Service Holding Fund" is for the funds set aside for future equipment and software purchases as required by the Public Service Commission from the Fund 2913. The percentage of the set aside funds left in Fund 2913 is to be transferred to the Fund 2914 before the close of the fiscal year end June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve Resolution No. 2017-14, authorizing Laurie Krohn, Boone County Treasurer, to transfer the sum of \$31,108.50 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund (2913) to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund (2914) as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board regarding road maintenance, hauling of aggregate materials, bridge projects and equipment repairs.

The Board reviewed information regarding the motto "In God We Trust" printed on eight foot vinyl banners. The Board decided not to display the motto with a vinyl banner. The motto is being prepared to be displayed in a frame.

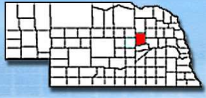
The Board reviewed a letter from Colorado City, Arizona. The letter did not pertain to government activity, no action taken.

The Board received notification that County Government Day may be scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017. The Board checked their schedules and decided that day should work.

## Public Comments:

- Mary Ziemba, County Zoning Administrator, updated the Board in regard to the County Planning & Zoning Commission Board meeting held on June 26, 2017.
- Denny Johnson, Sheriff, updated the Board in regard to law enforcement activity.
- The Board received information regarding Meetings: Region 44 Emergency Management – June 29, 2017; and Boone County Fair – July 8-12, 2017.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2017.



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Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk