



# Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 31, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 31, 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 Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of July 26, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen 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 Albion Chamber of Commerce requested assistance to advertise the Rhythm & Ribs Competition event scheduled for August 26, 2017. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pat Boilesen, President, and Mary Jane Noble, Vice President, of the Boone County Historical Society, Inc., presented information regarding the increased activity at the Boone County Historical Society Museum facility and the facility utility expenses for the Board to review. Boilesen and Noble said that it is exciting to see an increase of people spending more time going through the museum buildings since the installation of a heat/cool system in 2016. The Historical Society has been operating with volunteers and donations since 2000. The County has helped with a portion of funding for the telephone and internet expenses since 2010. The museum building(s) received new roofing, paint and windows the past few years through grants, donations and County assistance. The installation of the heat/cool system is helping with the air control for preservation of the artifacts, which has increased the utility expenses that will probably not be covered by donations. The Boone County Historical Society, Inc. is submitting a preliminary budget request of \$8,500.00 levy allocation for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to cover estimated utility expenses. Noble informed the Board that Rick Martinsen, CPA, will be helping the Historical Society prepare a budget and meet county audit requirements. Noble and Boilesen thanked the Board for their support of the Boone County Historical Society Museum and consideration in regard of their budget request.

The Board and Tanya Sharp, Boone County Health Center Chief Executive Officer, interviewed applicants for the Boone County Health Center (BCHC) Board of Trustees on July 26, 2017. The Board of Commissioners tabled a decision to their July 30, 2017 board meeting. BCHC Board of Trustees members Don Casper and Paul Groetke were present to discuss the number of board members to represent the BCHC Board of Trustees with the Board of Commissioners, Tanya Sharp and Dr. Anthony Kusek. Sharp said that the BCHC is the only facility in Nebraska that is currently represented by a seven- member board. The group held a lengthy discussion in regard to Sharp's recommendation to reduce the number of members on the BCHC Board of Trustees from seven to five. Sharp informed the group that the new board member's training takes about a year and felt that a benefit to a five-member board would be efficiency.



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Casper felt that there are difficulties at times to have a quorum with a larger board and that a five-member board should be sufficient. Groetke felt that all communities are and could still be represented with a five-member board. Kusek felt that a five-member board would be sufficient. Commissioner Luettel felt that they went through the effort of advertising and interviewing applicants and that the timing is wrong to reduce from a seven-member board to a five-member board. Commissioner Maricle felt that with the administration changes at the BCHC, she would support what is recommended by the CEO for the board of trustees. Commissioner Rasmussen agreed that the timing is not perfect for the reduction of board members, but to consider what the new CEO feels is best in regard to board members. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve and allow the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees to change their bylaws from trustee representation of a seven-member board to a five-member board as requested. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: Luettel. Motion carried.

Richard Martinsen, CPA, Schmeits, Mueller & Martinsen, P. C., prepares the annual county budget and submitted a preliminary 2017-2018 budget for the Board to review. The Board and Martinsen discussed the preliminary 2017-2018 budget requests submitted by the county departments. The courthouse renovation bonds are retired. The Inheritance Tax Fund has been used for several years to reduce the county's property tax request, resulting in a low levy. The Noxious Weed budget has been a function within the County General Fund since 2010. The Noxious Weed budget is now a function within the County Road Fund as of February 2017 due to a full time position of County Weed Superintendent/Signage Technician. The preliminary expense requests submitted decreased \$28,585.00 from the prior fiscal year expense requests.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to set the budget hearing for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 County Budget on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Board of Commissioners Reorganizational meeting each January addresses the appointment of the Board members to various supervisory positions and representation on boards that the county is affiliated with throughout the year. The Boone County Board of Commissioners are also the Boone County Weed Board. The Board discussed the appointment of a member of the Boone County Weed Board as supervisor of the appointed Boone County Weed Superintendent. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to appoint Ken Luettel as the County Weed Superintendent supervisor for 2017 and to fulfill the appointment to the 2018 Board of Commissioners Reorganizational meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It shall also be the duty of the County Board of each county of this state to visit the jail of its county per Nebraska State Statute 47-109. The Board conducted a routine visit of the Boone County Jail per Nebraska State Statute.

## Public Comments:

- Mark Jensen, Boone County Planning and Zoning Board member, informed the Board that there is a vacancy on the County Zoning Board of Adjustments.
- Commissioner Maricle informed the Board that Dustin Will, Benefits Management, plans to re-visit with the Board this fall in regard to health insurance quotes.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:29 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk



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