



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 18, 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 and Alan Rasmussen. Commissioner Luettel called earlier letting the Board know that he would arrive late for the meeting due to a medical appointment. Commissioner Ken Luettel arrived at 9:14 A.M. 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 Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of September 11, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve the County Board Budget Public Hearing Proceedings of September 11, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

The General Fund receives the real estate and personal property taxes with a designated percentage transferred to the Road Fund on a monthly basis. The Boone County Treasurer is authorized to use all property tax collections, which would include real estate and motor vehicle taxes, to be in the transfer of funds. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve Resolution No. 2017-31, authorizing the Boone County Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund (0100) 63.174% to the Road Fund (0200) for the 2017-2018 Tax Year on a monthly basis not to exceed \$2,277,000.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, appeared before the Board requesting the County Board to appoint Stacey Robinson, Boone County Highway Superintendent, to complete a feasibility study. The Boone County Board of Commissioners deemed it may be in the best interest of Boone County to consider vacating a portion of 190th Street. The proposed portion of a county road known as 190th Street, commencing at the SW corner of the SW1/4 of Section 14 and the NW corner of the NW1/4 of Section 23, all in Township 21 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, running thence east one-half (1/2) mile. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve Resolution No. 2017-32, appointing Stacey L. Robinson, Boone County Highway Superintendent, to do a feasibility study regarding the vacation of a portion of county road known as 190th Street. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

Andy Devine, Albion City Administrator, submitted an Interlocal Agreement for the Board to review between the County of Boone and City of Albion. The City of Albion requires a Street Superintendent and desires the



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Street Superintendent to be licensed with the State of Nebraska. Stacey L. Robinson is a Class B Licensed County Highway Superintendent, a licensed Street Superintendent and a full time employee for the County of Boone. Robinson is a full time salaried employee of Boone County and City of Albion desires to remit payment directly to Boone County on a monthly basis for each month of this agreement. All parties on an annual basis shall review the Interlocal Agreement. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2017-33 an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Boone and City of Albion for licensed Highway and Street Superintendent services in effect for one year commencing on January 1, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luettel arrived at 9:14 A.M.

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 road department has been removing trees in the road right-of-ways where there is visibility issues.
- Robinson and the Board continued the September 11, 2017 Board meeting discussion regarding a waste oil heater for the Road District #2 Shop in Albion. The waste oil heater will be an agenda item for the September 27, 2017 Board meeting.

Larry Temme, Rae Valley Market LLC, presented an application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for October 28, 2017. The Board reviewed the application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for a wedding reception scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the St. Bonaventure Church Hall in Raeville, NE. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle 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 October 28, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rex Mahoney, Recreational Trails System Committee, and Tina Stokes, Big Give Committee, were present to ask the Board for their vote of support in regard to the fund-raising efforts and an application to the Lower Loup NRD for the funding of a potential Boone County Recreational Trails System project. The Recreational Trails System Committee discussed a potential trails project with the Board on June 19 and August 21, 2017. The trails committee presented a map of a proposed trail(s) around the Albion City Park, County Fairgrounds and the County owned property south of the present fairgrounds. Mahoney said that the Trails Committee is seeking grant funding from Lower Loup NRD. Stokes informed the Board that the trails project will be part of the 2017 Big Give in December to be known as the Boone County Trails System-Fairgrounds and Fuller Park Loop. The maintenance when there is inclement weather, upkeep/replacement of concrete, liability insurance and ownership agreement of the recreational trail will be discussed at a later date. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve allowing a citizens committee to raise funds for a Boone County Recreational Trails System and to build a walking trail on the property known as the Boone County Fairgrounds and County of Boone, Nebraska property connected to the south of the Boone County Fairgrounds. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received a written resignation from a full time County Sheriff's office employee. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to accept the resignation of full time employee Shelby Hrabik effective October 6, 2017. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Board and department heads present held a lengthy discussion with Benefit Management representatives. Dustin Will and Dan Duren are brokers for Benefit Management. Will and Duren presented information for those present to review and answered questions regarding other health insurance alternatives. They explained Health Savings Account and why employees were asked to fill out insurance questionnaire forms. In regard to health insurance, Nebraska considers a small employer with 49 employees and under and a large employer with more than 50 employees. A large group (50 and over) complete personal questionnaires for underwriters in order to obtain a health insurance quote. Will said that the goal is to find a sustainable plan that is beneficial to both the county and employees. Benefit Management representatives provided information regarding HSAs, Section 125 (flexible accounts) and answered several questions. The Board may have Benefit Management return at a later date to provide their information to all county employees. No action was taken at the meeting.

Jim Ely, County Attorney, presented information regarding a new color copy machine to replace the 2011 copy machine in the county attorney's office for the Board to review. Ely informed the Board that the price of a new color copy machine MX-3050N is \$6,600.00 and that he plans to lease a MX-3050N for 48 months at \$149.00/month. Ely said that there is no trade-in of the 2011 copy machine, because there's a possibility the sheriff's office plans to use the 2011 copy machine. Ely plans to sign a lease agreement upon delivery of the new copy machine from Eakes Office Solutions. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve a 48 month lease at \$149.00/monthly payment for a new color copy machine for the County Attorney's office. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jim Ely, County Attorney, requested approval from the Board to allow him to receive assistance from Rodney Wetovick, Nance County Attorney, to help him defend a juvenile parental rights case. The Board asked Ely what Wetovick's attorney fees would be to help him with the case. Ely said he had no idea but figured top around \$2,000.00. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve Rodney Wetovick, Nance County Attorney, to assist Boone County Attorney, Jim Ely, with a juvenile case. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board, Bill Huey, Prochaska & Associates, and Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, were present at the August 28, 2017 Board meeting when the sealed bids for renovation of the Boone County Jail/Law Enforcement building were opened. Bill Huey, Prochaska & Associates, and Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, reviewed the three opened bids/recommendations for comparability of advertised construction phase and to make sure all bids are covering the same material. Huey submitted the recommendation of granting the bid to RaDec Construction Co., Inc. of Hartington, Nebraska. RaDec had submitted the lowest bid of the three bids received on August 28, 2017 for the advertised renovation of the Boone County Jail/Law Enforcement building. The Board and Huey discussed the possible changes and alterations of supplies that were quoted in the initial bidding. Engineering items that may be considered include the PVC pipe in lieu of cast-iron soil piping, PEX water piping in lieu of copper, clear sealer on floors and change all paint to water based paint system in lieu of an epoxy based system. The base bid was \$172,700.00 plus alternate #1 retrofit of detention doors of \$15,500.00 for a total of \$188,200.00. Huey said with the recap of addition/deletion changes, the project cost may possibly be \$153,108.00, which would be \$35,092.00 less than the original bid. Huey informed the Board that he would be responsible for contacting the three bidders regarding the Board's decision. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to award the renovation project of the Boone County Jail/Law Enforcement building to RaDec Construction Co., Inc. of Hartington, Nebraska for approximately \$188,200.00 dependent upon addition/deletion conditions. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Ag Society, Inc. – September 18, 2017 and BCDA, Inc. – September 20, 2017.
- Sheriff, Denny Johnson, reported that the LETC fall training for jail dispatchers has been cancelled until spring, according to the NESCA Board.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk