

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 27, 2017 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 27, 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 Alan Rasmussen and Hilary K. Maricle. Commissioner Luettel called earlier letting the Board know that he would be arriving late for the meeting. Commissioner Ken Luettel arrived at 9:06 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 December 18, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

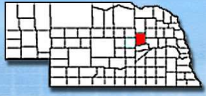
Kathy Thorberg, County Clerk, presented three quotes for HP LaserJet MICR Laser Printer(s). The present Lexmark T632 MICR printer was purchased in 2004 for flash check printing. The last several months the check printer has been jamming and not working correctly. Premium MICR Toner is needed when printing onto blank stock checks. If MICR Toner is not used when printing onto the blank stock checks, the checks are not valid through FDIC. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the purchase of a HP LaserJet M608N MICR Laser Printer and MICR Toner Cartridge for approximately \$1,225.00 from Advantage Laser Products, Inc. for the County Clerk's office to use for flash check printing. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Luettel. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luettel arrived at 9:06 A.M.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$101,198.15, BCBS \$52,013.60, Ameritas Ret \$6,989.43, EFTPS \$7,527.93, Section 125 Fees \$15.00, Wellness Program \$88.68; Road \$55,815.27, BCBS \$30,495.80, Ameritas Ret \$3,767.54, EFTPS \$4,207.41; Ambulance \$1,558.74, Ameritas Ret \$48.05, EFTPS \$119.23; and Public Defender Contract \$3,120.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- Robinson informed the Board that Thiele Geotech has completed the sight visit in regard to the asphalt portion of a county road known as 145th Street west of Petersburg. Robinson has not received a recommendation report regarding repair/replacement of the asphalt portion to date.
- Robinson informed the Board that the Cedar Rapids Road District shop building has been without heat for a couple of days due to damage to the natural gas line that supplies the shop building.



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The Board and Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, have held several discussions in regard to the County Road District #1 Shop Building, Cedar Rapids. The Board and Robinson held a lengthy discussion in regard to the quotes for repair of the present office space that is attached to the shop building and/or a new lean-to office space to be attached to the present shop building. Rasmussen and a contractor will physically inspect the present office portion of the road shop that is in need of repair. The Board will decide at a later date the feasibility of repair or a new lean-to in regard to the office space in question.

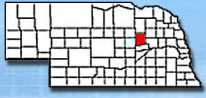
The Board held a lengthy discussion at their Board meeting on December 18, 2017 in regard to the setting of Elected County Officials salaries for the 2019-2022 term. The County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska set the salaries for the elected officials of County of Boone, Nebraska as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assessor	\$53,506.00	\$54,706.00	\$55,906.00	\$57,106.00
Clerk	\$53,506.00	\$54,706.00	\$55,906.00	\$57,106.00
Treasurer	\$53,506.00	\$54,706.00	\$55,906.00	\$57,106.00
Attorney-PT	\$53,506.00	\$54,706.00	\$55,906.00	\$57,106.00
Sheriff	\$60,366.00	\$61,566.00	\$62,766.00	\$63,966.00
Surveyor	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Commissioner	\$23,650.00	\$23,650.00		

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve Resolution No. 2017-51, elected county officials salaries and benefits as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board approved a resolution on November 13, 2017 that pertained to the issuance of tax building bonds of the County of Boone, Nebraska for the purpose of constructing a new building at the Boone County Fairgrounds to be used as an Agricultural and Educational Activities Building. The Board approved a resolution on December 18, 2017 where the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. shall obtain a loan for the approximate amount needed to complete the project and make the loan payments through the Agricultural Society budget building levy. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve Resolution No. 2017-52, hereby rescinds Resolution No. 2017-48 dated November 13, 2017, known as a parameters resolution that pertained to the issuance of tax building bonds effective December 27, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the information received from NACO for the procedure(s) to follow for a government entity to lease cropland acres. The Board leased the approximately 24.68 acres of dry cropland in 2017 that the County of Boone purchased south of the present County Fairgrounds property in 2016. The term(s) of the 2017 cropland lease expired December 31, 2017. In accordance with state statute, the Board will set a public hearing date prior to any such lease. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to advertise the weeks of January 1st and 8th, 2018 for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., an open and public hearing prior to any such lease at which any interested party may appear and speak for or against the lease and raise any issue concerning the County Board leasing cropland. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Nebraska State Auditor's Office have audited several counties in 2016 and 2017. The State Auditor's Office is making County Government aware that the counties are not to be making a vendor payment to another entity without actual supporting documentation. A County must be able to point to a statute that allows a procedure to occur before the county can perform such procedure. Constitution XIII-3 outlines that subdivisions of the State cannot expend public money for private purposes. A non-profit is not a public entity.

The County has to restructure the manner in which it distributes funds to other agencies. The County has supported the five fire departments for several years with an annual amount to purchase supplies for the respective Ambulance. In addition, the County has supported the five public libraries for several years with an annual amount to purchase books/media for the respective library. The library support for books/media continued following the closing of the rural mobile libraries (bookmobiles on wheels). The County has no supporting documentation such as a procedure (agreement) in place or copies of invoices showing how the money was spent.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to forgo the annual support to the fire departments effective December 31, 2017 due to state statute, no supporting documentation and that fire departments have been receiving funding through a tax levy. In the future, if additional funding above a tax levy is necessary, the fire departments may approach the County Board of Commissioners for additional support. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel that effective December 31, 2017 the libraries will be required to submit paid itemized receipts showing the purchase of books/media material for the respective year on the first day of December each year. The books/media material reimbursement support will be in the amount of the itemized receipts and will not exceed the annual support. The submission for 2017 reimbursement support may be submitted in January or February 2018. The submission for 2018 and thereafter reimbursement support are to be submitted by the first of December each year. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: Fairgrounds Agricultural and Educational Activities Building committee – December 27, 2017.
- Commissioner Maricle updated the Board in regard to the recent BCDA, Inc. meeting.
- Commissioner Maricle updated the Board in regard to the recent Recreational Trails System Committee's meeting.
- Commissioner Luettel updated the Board in regard to the NIRMA Board orientation.

Chairman Maricle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06 P.M., the next Board meeting is the 2018 Reorganizational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and the next regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk