



# Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 10, 2018 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Luettel called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Ken Luettel, Hilary K. Maricle and Alan Rasmussen. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Luettel acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$38,079.86; Road/Weed - \$76,566.52; Boone County Visitor's Promotion - \$1,100.00; Inheritance Tax - \$15,731.10; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$289.81; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$124.57; Ambulance - \$2,219.15. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve the County Board Proceedings of December 27, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings and County Board of Equalization Public Hearing Proceedings of December 27, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Reorganizational Proceedings and County Board of Equalization Reorganizational Proceedings of January 3, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for December, 2017:

- Clerk - \$14,700.25 (State of Nebraska \$9,546.52)(County of Boone \$5,153.73)
- Clerk of the District Court - \$1,630.01 (State of Nebraska \$778.00)(County of Boone \$852.01)
- Sheriff - \$1,443.68
- County Planning and Zoning - \$158.75
- Treasurer - Treasurer's Fees - \$26.00; Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 16078-16132- \$188,623.16; Total Collections - \$4,193,834.63

Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Keri Carraher, RN, Boone County Health Center, presented a Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application for the Board to review. Carraher updated the Board in regard to the services that the Boone County Health Center Home Health Agency provides for the area. The geographical area served are in the counties of Boone, Antelope, Greeley, Madison, Nance, Platte and Wheeler. The Division of Public Health, Lincoln, Nebraska approved services are nursing, home health aide and physical, occupational, speech, intravenous therapies. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve and authorize the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the application for the Boone County Health Center Home Health Agency



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renewal license as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received the first application payment request from the contractor for the renovation of the Boone County Law Enforcement Building to review. The payment request consists of the contractor's costs for permits, shop drawings and stored materials. Denny Johnson, Sheriff, informed the Board that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2018 and renovation construction to possibly start February 5, 2018. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the first payment request of \$15,731.10 submitted by Prochaska & Associates, Architect, for the contractor RaDec Construction Co., Inc. as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, presented a Weather Radio Hazard Mitigation Project for the Board to review. Smith explained that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide grants to State and local governments to implement long-term mitigation measures after a major disaster declaration. Smith applied for fifteen All-hazard Radios for public facilities throughout Boone County, Nebraska. The grant agreement total is \$478.95 with FEMA providing seventy-five percent of the cost and the County providing twenty-five percent of the cost for the fifteen All-hazard Radios for the public facilities such as the schools, city/village offices, etc. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the County providing \$119.74 for the purchase of the All-hazard Radios to be placed in public facilities throughout Boone County as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, updated the Board regarding emergency management activities and scheduled emergency management training(s).

Stacey L. Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed the Non-Exclusive Contract for Services for truckers to back-haul aggregate for the County. Robinson informed the Board that ten trucker's completed the Non-Exclusive Contract for Services to back-haul aggregate for the County in 2017. The Board and Robinson discussed the number of contracts and decided to contact each contractor from 2017 to see if they are interested in completing a contract for 2018. The Board and Robinson discussed the contractor compensation and requirements to include an attached copy of the truck driver's CDL, insurance coverage and that the back-hauler contacts the County Highway Superintendent, before any load is accepted by Boone County. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the back-hauler compensation for 2018 being \$7.00 per ton for road gravel and \$11.00 per ton for other aggregate and requirements to include an attached copy of the truck driver's CDL, insurance coverage and that the back-hauler contacts the County Highway Superintendent, before any load is accepted by Boone County. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Abstain: Luettel. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed legislation relative to the interest of County Officers in public contracts. Members of the County Board of Commissioners on occasion engage in work for the County beyond their duties and responsibilities as County Commissioners for which they will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of such work. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve Resolution No. 2018-01, (1) Any board member may enter into a contract with Boone County during the year 2018 for the furnishing of services beyond the statutory responsibilities and duties as County Commissioners. (2) Such Commissioner entering into such agreement shall comply with the statutes relating to interest in public contracts, Section 49-14, 103.01 et seq. as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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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 two requests for advertisement funding.

Albion Area Arts Council requested assistance to advertise the Acoustic Eidolon Concert and Art Show event scheduled for February 4, 2018. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

St. Michael's Parish requested assistance to advertise the St. Patrick's Carnival event scheduled for March 11, 2018. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A group of approximately 100 concerned citizens attended the Board meeting in regard to the proposed Agricultural and Educational Activities Building for the Boone County Fairgrounds. The Board; County Attorney; Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. board members; Jeff Jarecki, Attorney representing Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc.; Agricultural and Educational Activities Building committee members; Steve Pritchard, UNL Extension; and the county citizens in attendance discussed the proposed \$4,250,000.00 building project. Discussion presented was both in favor of the project and opposed to the project.

The majority of the tax paying citizens in attendance want to be able to vote on the project and are asking why the citizens are not having the opportunity to vote on the building project. Some of the questions asked were answered, some questions were not answered and some of the questions the building committee could not yet address. Some of the alternative ideas presented were:

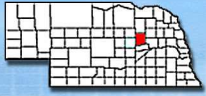
- County purchase building across the street from courthouse for the UNL Extension office and activities use, thus removing that portion from the proposed building project;
- If the present concern is the indoor show arena, obtain open and closed structure costs just for replacement of show arena;
- Look into green-solar power; and
- Do fund raising and grant writing to help lower the tax payers cost of the project.

Some of the concerns voiced by the group were:

- The initial proposed cost of the building does not include heat/air for the show arena and livestock area, livestock panels or any furnishings;
- No line by line item costs of the building construction project;
- Continued maintenance;
- Building insurance;
- Paying a manager;
- Custodial services;
- Upkeep/cleaning of show arena after each use; and
- Endowment fund for future maintenance.

Some of the support expressed for a new facility were:

- Livestock buildings in need of renovation/replacement;
- Indoor show arena to small and dangerous;
- Larger space for the 4-H youth meetings, workshops and to practice archery;



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- Larger indoor show arena would allow the youth to work with their horses year round; and
- Look at the building project as economic development with the opportunity to host larger/more events in the area.

The Board plans to address the citizens' concerns regarding the building project at their meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

## Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Joint Planning Commission – January 15, 2018; Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. – January 15, 2018; LEPC – January 16, 2018; Senior Official Training and Table Top Exercise – January 24, 2018.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 12:48 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk