



Boone County Board Minutes



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS

Ken Luettel, Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners called for a motion to open a public hearing on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in the Boone County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room in Albion, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Rasmussen, second by Commissioner Maricle to open said public hearing. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication and the convened hearing was open to the public. Commissioners present for said public hearing were Alan Rasmussen, Hilary K. Maricle and Ken Luettel. Also, present for the hearing was the 2017 cropland lessee, Nathan Olson. Chairman Luettel read the notice for the record.

The County Board of Commissioners has power to lease real estate owned by the county. The County Board shall hold 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.

The County Board of Commissioners ran a public notice the weeks of January 1, 2018 and January 8, 2018, prior to the hearing date set for January 22, 2018 in the four county newspapers of Albion News, Cedar Rapids Press, Petersburg Press and St. Edward Advance. Due to inclement weather (winter blizzard) conditions on January 22, 2018 the courthouse was closed and the Board of Commissioners meeting was cancelled. The Board of Commissioners agenda items were moved to their January 29, 2018 Board meeting at the same scheduled times. A "Notice of Public Hearing Date Change to January 29, 2018" was posted in the Boone County Courthouse and the post office lobbies of Albion, Cedar Rapids, Petersburg and St. Edward.

There was no one present in opposition at the public hearing. The County Board is considering a cropland lease for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 crop years ending December 31, 2020 for approximately 24.68 acres, according to FSA records, of dry cropland located in a fraction of the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, located south of and adjacent to the present Boone County Fairgrounds. The County Board shall set a date to offer said real estate for lease to the highest bidder. If the County Board receives no bids or if the bids received are substantially lower than the fair market value, the County Board may negotiate a contract for lease of the real estate if such negotiated contract is in the best interests of the county.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to close said hearing at 11:15 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to advertise in the four county newspapers the week of January 29, 2018 to accept lease bids for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 crop years ending December 31, 2020 for approximately 24.68 acres, according to FSA records, of dry cropland. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2018, at the office of the Boone County Clerk and will be opened and reviewed at 11:00 A.M. at the County Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018. A copy of the Lease Bids advertisement is attached hereto these proceedings. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Miracle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk