



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS APRIL 16, 2018 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 16, 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, Alan Rasmussen and Hilary K. Maricle. 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 Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the County Board Proceedings of April 9, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Contract Change Proposal, CCP No. 11.2 in regard to the law enforcement building renovation project. The CCP No. 11.2 is for additional time and electrical material costs due to unforeseen circumstances of conduit and wire ran into the walls. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the CCP No. 11.2 submitted by RaDec Construction Co., Inc. for \$432.00 for additional time and electrical material costs as presented. 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.

The Boone County Ambulance Service submitted two uncollectible ambulance accounts for the Board to review as all methods of collection have been exhausted. The recommendation from the Boone County Ambulance Service liaison is to remove the \$1,245.00 for a July 16, 2017 ambulance service and the balance of \$256.65 for an August 19, 2017 ambulance service from the EMS Billing Services account for purposes of bookkeeping and turn the two accounts over to the County Attorney to attempt further collection. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to turn the July 2017 County Ambulance Service account balance of \$1,245.00 and the August 2017 County Ambulance Service account balance of \$256.65 over to the County Attorney for further collection. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Will McInnis and Caitlin Schneider, East-Central District Health Department (ECDHD), presented a report of public health activities in Boone County for July 2017 through March 2018. ECDHD has provided a number of different services to the residents of Boone County. Some of the services provided were: Alcohol Literacy Challenge at St. Michael's School; the WIC program; disease investigations; Mass Casualty training in St. Edward; and conducted store audits at all tobacco retailers in Boone County. Schneider said that ECDHD encourages county residents to pick up a radon kit to test their home. Schneider said that Certified Application Counselors (CAC's) are available at the Boone County Health Center usually on Thursday's to assist county residents in applying for WIC programs, health care services and/or insurance.

In addition, Boone County citizens are encouraged to attend the Boone County Health Center and ECDHD presentation of the results of the service area's comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment to the community on May 3, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Boone County Health Center.



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The Board heard public constituents concerns regarding the asphalt portion of a county road known as 145th Street west of Petersburg on several occasions and on August 21, 2017 the Board approved an engineer study to be completed to determine costs and options for permanent repairs for the asphalt portion of 145th Street. The group said that 145th Street west of Petersburg is a main route for areas west and northwest of Petersburg and for the Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue Squad. The first mile of asphalt that is mostly in Petersburg village limits is in good condition with a thicker base and the remaining length of asphalt is what is in need of good repair.

Thiele Geotech, Inc. has completed an engineering evaluation of said portion of 145th Street. They provide analysis for subsurface soil, foundation, slope stability, seepage, settlement and other geotechnical engineering related items. Brian McDonald, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., presented to the Board information regarding a study of Project C-6 (394), Petersburg west, a portion of a county road known as 145th Street. McDonald submitted information of the road foundation/soil study prepared by Thiele Geotech for the Board to review. McDonald presented five different costs and overlay scenarios for the approximate four miles of asphalt west of Petersburg on 145th Street. The East portion is 9,700 feet and the West portion 11,600 feet in regard to the five construction scenarios that range from: (1) east- mill 1" and overlay with 2" asphalt, west-complete reconstruction with 8" asphalt pavement for approximately \$2,177,431.00; (2) east-mill 1" and overlay with 6" asphalt, west-complete reconstruction with 8" asphalt pavement for approximately \$2,592,548.00; (3) east-complete reconstruction with 8" asphalt pavement, west-complete reconstruction with 8" asphalt pavement for approximately \$3,083,398.00; (4) east-mill 1" and 6" concrete overlay, west-complete reconstruction with 8" concrete pavement for approximately \$2,772,481.00; and (5) east-complete reconstruction with 8" concrete pavement, west-complete reconstruction with 8" concrete pavement for approximately \$3,624,130.00. The estimated figures do not include upgrading the bridge, surveying costs and for the possible purchase of more right-of-way, as the west two miles would need to be brought up to standards for 55 mph. McDonald said that usually concrete will be good for 20-30 years with maybe some crack sealant now and then. Asphalt is known for 10-15 years depending on weight of traffic with overlay in warped areas more often. McDonald said that if concrete pavement is used the preference for the project is to let bids in November/December and lay the concrete pavement in the spring. Commissioner Maricle questioned the justification of the expense to upgrade said portion of four miles of road by Petersburg in comparison to other county roads within the county that may need upgrading. Commissioner Luettel emphasized that the 145th Street, when in good driving condition, is an arterial road to Petersburg from the north and west and used as a main route for fire and rescue squads.

Surveys have been completed for the current County owned properties known as the Boone County Fairgrounds and the County owned cropland. The present east fence line on the fairgrounds property appears that it needs to be moved back a few feet to the east in order to be located on the boundary lines. The Board discussed if they need to put in a new fence line or just remove the present fence line. Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc., was present for the discussion due to the Ag Society's leasing the current fairgrounds property. Rolf suggested that if the fence is replaced in the boundary line location to use smooth wire instead of barb wire for safety reasons. The Recreational Trails System committee plans to walk a proposed route on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 to determine the placement of the proposed concrete trail. The County Surveyor, upon request, has offered to flag the stakes/boundary lines with a Board member present to determine if all of the east fence line needs moving or just the fairgrounds portion of the east fence line and if the south fence line/trees are on the County or adjacent land owner. No decision was made by the Board at the meeting.

Stacey (Robinson) Ziemba, Boone County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board regarding when the county road department may begin the four ten hour work days. The county road department plans to lease a smaller excavator for cleaning culverts/ditches to see how it works before purchasing a different excavator.



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Stacey (Robinson) Ziembra, County Highway Superintendent, appeared before the Board requesting the County Board to appoint Stacey L. (Robinson) Ziembra, 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 310th Street. The proposed portion of a county road known as 310th Street, commencing at the intersection of 310th Street and 110th Avenue, in the N1/2 of Section 19 and the S1/2 of Section 18, all in Township 19 North, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, running thence west one (1) mile. The said portion of county road is located west and south of Primrose, Nebraska. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve Resolution No. 2018-14, appointing Stacey L. (Robinson) Ziembra, Boone County Highway Superintendent, to do a feasibility study regarding the vacation of a portion of county road known as 310th Street. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to go into executive session at 11:11 A.M., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410, for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board met with the County Highway Superintendent and General Road Foreman for an employment evaluation. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to come out of the executive session at 11:50 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken by the Board.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: Recreational Trails System Committee to walk a proposed trail route - April 17, 2018.
- The Board of Commissioners have several meetings scheduled for their attendance this week.
- Commissioner Luettel and County Highway Superintendent encourages department heads to attend the NIRMA Leadership Seminar, was very informative.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk