



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MAY 14, 2018 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:01 A.M. on Monday, May 14, 2018, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Vice Chairman Rasmussen 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 arrive late for the meeting. Commissioner Ken Luettel arrived at 9:05 A.M. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and the convened meeting was open to the public. Vice Chairman Rasmussen 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 Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$59,823.58; Road/Weed - \$91,715.18; Boone County Visitor's Promotion - \$988.00; Inheritance Tax - \$290,579.23; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$2,396.94; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$5,543.19; Ambulance - \$3,309.07. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve an Accounts Payable Vendor Claim filed for payment on the Road fund for Vendor ID No. 801 in the amount of \$972.79, a non-exclusive contract for services to back-haul aggregate for the county. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Abstain: Luettel. Motion carried.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of April 30, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Abstain: Maricle. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for April 2018:

- Clerk - \$18,729.50 (State of Nebraska-\$11,660.58)(County of Boone-\$7,068.92)
- Clerk of the District Court - \$1,282.24 (Nebraska Attorney General's Office-\$25.00)(State of Nebraska-\$719.00)(County of Boone-\$538.24)
- County Planning and Zoning - \$512.50
- Sheriff - \$1,366.13
- Treasurer - Treasurer's Fees - \$88.00; Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 16302-16371 - \$2,160,864.81; Total Collections - \$9,276,919.61

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

Larry Temme, Rae Valley Market LLC, presented an application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for June 9, 2018. The Board reviewed the application for a Special Designated License (SDL) for a wedding reception scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the St. Bonaventure Church Hall in Raeville, Nebraska. 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 June 9, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The County Safety Committee met at 9:07 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present for the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Alan Rasmussen, Ken Luettel and Hilary K. Maricle, Denny Johnson, Laurie Krohn, Rod Nelson, Tom Smith, Kathy Thorberg and Stacey Ziemba. Old business that was addressed: the courtroom scanning system; the confusion during the tornado drill that was held in March 2018, for employees to know the difference when the weather radio issues a watch or warning. A watch is to be prepared and know where the safe designated location is when there is a warning for immediate action. Sheriff Johnson said that the two sirens have been fixed that did not work during the tornado drill (the one by county law enforcement building and the one at the county fairgrounds). New business was discussed: (1) Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, will have a presentation of the Boone County Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for employees on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M., with a goal for all to attend; (2) a fire drill for the courthouse is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 8:15 A.M.; (3) the group was informed that NIRMA has two \$500.00 "Money for Minutes" award that will be drawn from the pool of counties that submit safety minutes and reports to NIRMA on a quarterly basis. The \$500.00 award is for the purchase of safety items for the respective county; (4) discussed putting in a weather radio in the driver's license room; (5) discussed having an office in the courthouse to have the telephone intercom capability for emergency weather situations in addition to the Sheriff's office, due to the sheriff's office may not have time to notify the rest of the courthouse; (6) Commissioner Maricle shared the information received from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and congratulated Tom Smith for being in compliance with the State Homeland Security Grant/Emergency Management Performance Grant monitoring visit; and (7) the committee discussed preventability and safety suggestions were addressed by the committee regarding a worker's compensation claim. The next safety committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 13, 2018. The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Alan Rasmussen at 9:32 A.M.

Ross Davidson of Albion discussed noxious weed problem areas and crops planted in the county road right-of-ways with the Board and County Highway Superintendent. The group held a lengthy discussion in regard to area pastures/fields that have an abundance of Leafy Spurge and Musk Thistle. Davidson said that they have asked neighboring landowner(s) to spray or remove the noxious weeds for years to help stop the spreading of the noxious weeds to their ground. The County Highway Superintendent plans to check the area of 330/340th Avenue and 290th Street in regard to the landowner(s) planting crops in county road right-of-ways and irrigation systems watering county roads. The Board said that the areas where the crops are planted in the county road right-of-ways which present safety and visibility issues will result in the crop(s) being removed. The Board will have the County Weed Superintendent address the noxious weed issue.

The Board received the fourth 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 masonry, painting, plumbing, electrical, general trades and construction work completed through April 29, 2018. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the fourth payment request of \$39,185.97 submitted by Prochaska & Associates, Architect, for the contractor RaDec Construction Co., Inc. as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received a Certificate of Substantial Completion from the contractor RaDec Construction Co. Inc. for the Boone County Law Enforcement building renovation project. The project is completed with a retention left to pay of \$6,390.00 when the Board/Sheriff/Contractor agree that the work is completed and that there are no problems with the renovation material. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the law enforcement building renovation project. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, presented a quote from Digital-Ally for a new in-car camera for one of the patrol vehicles. The quote is for a DMV-800 Complete Kit with a five year warranty for \$3,995.00 plus \$30.00 freight for a total of \$4,025.00. Johnson said that a NIRMA ASSIST grant was approved to help pay twenty-five percent of the cost of an in-car camera. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Maricle to approve and authorize Denny Johnson, Sheriff, to purchase one new in-car camera from Digital-Ally for \$4,025.00 with a NIRMA ASSIST grant providing \$1,006.25 towards the new in-car camera purchase. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the information provided by NACO BCBS regarding the employee health/dental insurance. The NACO BCBS overall rates for the group health insurance will increase by 3% for fiscal year 2018-2019 and there is no change to the dental plans. The sub-group application/coverage election form needs to be received at BC/BS Nebraska no later than May 31, 2018. The County Clerk's office plans to distribute a copy of the premium rate changes with the employees' May payroll. The County of Boone pays all of the health insurance premiums and employee only dental premium. An employee has the option to pay dental coverage for their spouse/children. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the NACO BCBS Blue Preferred PPO Health Plan with \$1,500.00 individual deductible and Dental PPO Plan (Premier Option 3) for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and authorize Ken Luettel, Board Chairman, to sign the 2018 NACO Subgroup Application Coverage Election Form. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 three requests for advertisement funding.

The St. Edward Alumni Association requested assistance to advertise the St. Edward Alumni Association Street Dance event scheduled for May 26, 2018. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Petersburg Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Petersburg Community Club Carnival Days event scheduled for June 26 and 27, 2018. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The St. Edward Community Club requested assistance to advertise the St. Edward Community Club Beaver Valley Days event scheduled for July 27, 28 and 29, 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.

All County Officials and Department Heads must contact the County Board, as an agenda item, before buying or doing any major maintenance to equipment or furniture over \$800.00, per the January 2018 Board Reorganizational Meeting Proceedings.

Kathy Thorberg, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, presented a quote to the Board for their review regarding the purchase of ten hard bound books for Register of Deeds records. The quotes were 1-9 books at \$97.50 each or 10-24 books at \$83.00 each from RC Enterprises. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve the purchase of ten record books for \$830.00 plus freight from RC Enterprises as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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

- The consensus of the Board is for all County Road Employees to obtain a CDL license.
- Discussed suggestions/changes for the County Road Department shop buildings/grounds located in St. Edward and Cedar Rapids.

Larry Beierman requested permission to trench an electrical line under a county road commonly known as 220th Avenue running North and South between Sections 25 and 30, all in Township 19 North, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. The electrical line commences from an electrical pole located in the county road right-of-way in the NW1/4 of Section 30; running thence West to an existing irrigation well located in the NE1/4 of Section 25, all in Township 19 North, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve Resolution No. 2018-18, granting permission to Larry Beierman to trench an electrical line across a county road known as 220th Avenue to the NE1/4 of Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 7 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, for irrigation purposes. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

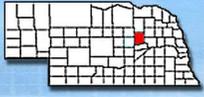
Barb Hanson, County Assessor, updated the Board in regard to the rural village values (example: Boone, Loretto and Raeville) currently at 82.75% of market value and acreage values are at 93.84% of market value. Hanson informed the Board that the acreages and rural villages assessed values should be between 92-100% of market value. Hanson asked the Board permission to contact Stanard Appraisal Services, Inc. of Central City, Nebraska to provide a quote for reappraisal services to update the acreages and rural villages for 2019. The consensus of the Board to have Hanson contact Stanard Appraisal Services for quotes to complete reappraisal services for the acreages and rural villages to be reviewed at a later date.

The Board authorized Barb Hanson, County Assessor, at their April 30, 2018 Board meeting to contact Christopher Hays, County Surveyor, for his surveying services in regard to the real estate ownership/county road ownership discrepancy in the SW1/4 of Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone and Nance County, Nebraska. The Board and Hanson reviewed the May 2018 survey completed by the Boone County Surveyor. A survey dated June 2017 showed ownership and county line discrepancies with portions of 230th Avenue in question being on the Nance County side and the recent survey is showing the road/line discrepancy on the Boone County side. The discrepancy question appears to be in regard to the location of the road, road right-of-way and taxable acres along the Boone/Nance boundary line in the SW1/4 of Section 29, Township 18 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone and Nance County, Nebraska. The Boone and Nance County Assessors will continue to research the real estate/road portion in question with the help of the Boone County Surveyor.

Public Comments:

- Boone County Board of Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at the Casey Building located at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Albion, Nebraska to hold a Public Hearing to discuss proposed changes in the A-1 Agricultural - Primary District regulations regarding agricultural growth and single-family residences.
- Commissioner Maricle asked the Board members if it was okay for her to forward information to them that UNL prepared in regard to zoning issues.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:49 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018.



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Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk