



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS MAY 21, 2018 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, May 21, 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 and Alan Rasmussen. Commissioner Hilary K. Maricle was absent. 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 May 14, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, and the Board reviewed the nomination form for the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors. NRIN is a locally-operated, regional and statewide wireless communication system that connects Public Safety Answering Points, emergency operation centers and local governments, allowing real time, on-demand communication to help mitigate emergencies and promote public safety. The implementation of the NRIN system/costs was funded by Homeland Security and Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) handles the funding. The maintenance/costs will be assessed to the respective counties when the Homeland Security Funds are no longer available. Smith informed the Board that the NRIN Board of Directors are volunteers and that the East Central Region representative nominee is Tim Hofbauer. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve, vote for Tim Hofbauer of Columbus, Nebraska to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network Board of Directors and authorize the Board Chairman to cast/sign the voting form. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, presented an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services for the Board to review. The Interlocal Agreement is between Boone, Nance and Merrick Counties in regard to Emergency Management Services and to employ a Region 44 Emergency Management Coordinator. The present Region 44 Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement expires June 30, 2018. Smith informed the Board that the agreement was basically the same except for changes made with regard to a motor vehicle. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign as presented the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The Board accepted a three-year audit bid proposal on March 13, 2017 from Schumacher, Smejkal, Brockhaus & Herley, P. C. of Norfolk, Nebraska to audit the county governmental activities. The Board reviewed an Engagement Letter for auditing services for the 2017-2018 fiscal year submitted by Schumacher, Smejkal, Brockhaus & Herley, P. C. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman, County Clerk and County Treasurer to sign the Engagement Letter for auditing services for the 2017-2018 fiscal year as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.



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The Board held a meeting with the department heads:

- County officials/department heads reported on activities with regard to their respective office.
- A Courthouse Fire Drill is scheduled for 8:15 A.M. on Thursday, May 31, 2018.
- Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, plans to present the Boone County Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for courthouse employees on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. Employees are encouraged to attend.
- Tiffany Settles, Constituent Services Representative, will be in the Boone County Courthouse Jury Room on May 21, 2018 from 10:00-11:00 A.M., on behalf of U.S. Senator Deb Fischer.
- County Sheriff's office plans to participate in the Click It or Ticket program the weeks of May 21 and 28, 2018.
- Region 44 Emergency Manager has a Mass Casualty Exercise planned for June 26, 2018 from 3:00-6:00 P.M. at the Cloverlodge Care Center in St. Edward.

The County of Boone used the Indirect Cost Allocation Services of Sequoia Consulting Group beginning in 2011. Wesley Ehlers, Sequoia Consulting Group, submitted an Agreement for consulting services based upon year-end financial data for fiscal year 2017. The consulting group plan and indirect cost rates as computed would be all inclusive for claiming indirect costs for all County grants including Title IV-D Claiming. Sequoia's agreement of recovered funds will be shared 60% by the County and 40% by the Consultant not to exceed \$3,650.00 annually to the consultant. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign an Agreement with Sequoia Consulting Group to provide professional consulting services to Boone County, Nebraska for fiscal years 2017 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Absent: Maricle. Motion carried.

The County Elected Officials recognizes the necessity of providing the most efficient and highest quality services for the citizens of Boone County, Nebraska. The Board and Elected Officials reviewed/discussed information received in regard to county employee benefits such as health insurance, retirement, cost of living/salaries, longevity program, vacation carry over hours to the next calendar year and Board courthouse closure day due to inclement weather, etc. No action/decisions were made in regard to county employee benefits or the 2018-2019 budget preparation.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: East-Central District Health Department – May 24, 2018; County Planning and Zoning Commission – May 30, 2018; NIRMA Board of Directors – May 30, 2018.
- The Board received a thank you from the Cedar Rapids Community Club in regard to the advertisement reimbursement that was received from the County Visitor's Promotion Fund.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk