



# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JULY 30, 2018 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 30, 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 Hilary K. Maricle, Alan Rasmussen and Ken Luettel. 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 Maricle to approve the County Board Proceedings of July 25, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Maricle and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of July 23, 2018 and July 25, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Richard Martinsen, CPA, Schmeits, Mueller & Martinsen, P. C., prepared the annual county budget and submitted a preliminary 2018-2019 budget for the Board to review. The Board and Martinsen discussed the preliminary 2018-2019 budget requests submitted by the county departments. The Inheritance Tax Fund has been used for several years to reduce the county's property tax request, resulting in a low levy. A fairgrounds building fund for possible expenses and revenue has been added to the county budget due to the ongoing discussion of the possibility of a new building to be located on the fairgrounds. If the budget for bonds for new building construction is not used there is not a problem. If there is no budget set up within the 2018-2019 County Budget when approved at the budget hearing and a building project is decided after the adoption of the fiscal year budget, the County would have to follow statutorily procedure to amend the adopted budget. Martinsen plans to meet with the Board on August 27, 2018 to complete the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 County budget for publication.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to set the budget hearing for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 County Budget on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- Bridge work on 250<sup>th</sup> Street and 240<sup>th</sup> Street are nearing completion.
- The insurance company has deemed the county road building in Petersburg that received wind storm damage a total loss.
- The Board and Highway Superintendent discussed telephone calls that the Board has received from concerned citizens that have called them in regard to some road issues.



# Boone County Board Minutes



Andrew Devine, Albion City Administrator, Ron Morearty, Albion City Water Commissioner, and the Board discussed decommissioning of a stock well located on a fraction of the S1/2NE1/4 of 28-20-6 of the County owned property, known as the leased cropland. At the March 19, 2018 Board meeting the County Board of Commissioners approved the City of Albion request to perform a water test for possible development of a new municipal water well on said County property. The City of Albion plans to develop municipal Well #5 on said County property. The stock well located near the old radio tower needs to be decommissioned to prevent any type of contamination for a future new water well. Devine said that there is a specific method that seals the annulus that surrounds the column. Devine informed the Board that the City of Albion would perform the decommission of the stock well in accordance with State of Nebraska regulations and the City of Albion will cover the costs of the decommission.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to approve the City of Albion and authorize Andrew Devine, Albion City Administrator, to proceed with the protocol procedure to decommission the stock well, at the City of Albion expense, that is located on County of Boone, Nebraska property known as leased cropland being on a fraction of the S1/2NE1/4 of 28-20-6. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Visitors Promotion Committee met on July 23, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. at the Boone County Courthouse, Jury Room, Albion, Nebraska. The Committee reviewed and discussed the following material: Boone County Lodging Tax received since 2006; Organizations that have requested/received reimbursement since 2006; Organizations with no reimbursement/denied since 2006; Visitor's Fund caps, disbursements and collections since 2006. The committee discussed the past fiscal year revenue amounts received being less than the year before where only one cent was received in October 2017; ten cents in February 2018; and no funds received in March and April 2018. The committee suggested that the County Clerk ask the Board of Commissioners to write a letter to State of Nebraska, Department of Revenue, inquiring as to why the County did not receive any revenue during the above months and who/what action may be taken to find out why no funds were submitted/received. The committee discussed the Visitors Promotion Fund revenue on hand as of June 30, 2018 and decided to change the application funding cap from \$400.00 to \$500.00 per event and an organization cap from \$1,600.00 to \$2,000.00 per organization for fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and possibly some clarification language to the application form.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to change the application funding cap to \$500.00 per event and an organization cap of \$2,000.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and revised clarification(s) to the application form. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to authorize the County Clerk to write a letter for the Board Chairman to sign, to the State of Nebraska, Department of Revenue, inquiring as to why the County did not receive revenue during four months of the last fiscal year and who/what action may be taken to find out why no funds were submitted/received. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Nance County Supervisor and the Nance County Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff discussed the possibility of merging the Boone and Nance County 911 Communications dispatching services with the Boone County Board of Commissioners and Sheriff on July 25, 2018. The Board authorized Denny Johnson, Sheriff, to contact Stacen Gross, consultant for communication mergers, to prepare recommendations for a Boone/Nance 911 Communications dispatching services agreement.



# Boone County Board Minutes



John Buck, Chief Deputy Sheriff and Darla McIntosh, Sheriff Office Supervisor, presented a Professional Services Agreement for the Board to review between Boone County, Nebraska and SCG Consulting Services, LLC of Bellevue, Nebraska. Buck said that the dispatch services consolidation costs analysis service will be \$1,000.00 for each County and any additional on-site meetings will be billed at \$700.00 for each County. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign a Professional Services Agreement between Boone County, Nebraska and SCG Consulting Services, LLC as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tom Smith, Region 44 Emergency Manager, resigned to take a position in Dodge County. Region 44 Emergency Management consists of Boone, Nance and Merrick counties. The Board discussed the Region 44 Emergency Manager vacancy applications that were received from Nance County for their review. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to authorize the Boone County committee representative for the Region 44 Emergency Management, Hilary K. Maricle, to interview the applicants and provide a recommendation to the respective counties for approval. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen Luettel and Maricle. 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.

Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle for the Board to go into executive session at 10:38 a.m., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410 (1a), strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, etc. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board and County Clerk discussed real estate purchases. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to come out of the executive session at 10:56 a.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussed a maximum amount for possible real estate purchase.

Public Comments: None.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 10:59 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2018.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk