

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 28, 2018 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 28, 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 Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$94,648.79, BCBS \$55,136.82, Ameritas Ret \$6,571.30, EFTPS \$7,039.27, Section 125 Fees \$10.00, Wellness Program \$106.61; Road \$59,236.10, BCBS \$28,765.04, Ameritas Ret \$3,998.44, EFTPS \$4,467.68; Ambulance \$3,444.92, Ameritas Ret \$78.55, EFTPS \$263.54; and Public Defender Contract \$3,213.60. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

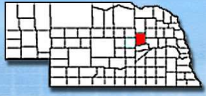
Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Proceedings of November 19, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Randall Bruland, Boone County Ambulance Administrator, presented two quotes for the Board to review for the purchase of new tires for the County Ambulance unit. The quotes are for six tires, Continental HSR 225/70R19.5. The quotes are: Main Street Auto Sales & Service of Albion - \$2,052.00 and KAV Tire and Lube of Albion - \$2,179.38 (Tires \$2,173.38; NE State tire fee \$6.00). Bruland informed the Board that he felt it is best to replace the tires at 40,000 miles or less on emergency vehicles. The Board and Bruland discussed disposal of the current tires. Bruland said that in past years sometimes the County Road department has used the tires. Bruland will contact the County Highway Superintendent to see if the road department has use for the tires. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to approve and authorize Randall Bruland, County Ambulance Administrator, to purchase six tires for the Boone County Ambulance from Main Street Auto Sales & Service of Albion for \$2,052.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2019 calendar to set dates for the 2019 Board meetings. The Board usually meets every Monday but the first Monday of the month and if the Monday is a holiday then Tuesday beginning at 9:00 A.M. The 22/21 payroll system requires the Board to change some of their meeting days from Monday to a different day for payroll approval. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the following meeting dates for 2019 which are subject to change: January 7, 14, 22 and 28; February 11, 19 and 26; March 11, 18 and 26; April 8, 15, 24 and 29; May 13, 20 and 28; June 10, 17 and 26; July 8, 15, 22 and 29; August 12, 19 and 26; September 9, 16 and 25; October 15, 21 and 28; November 12, 18 and 26; December 9, 16, 27 and 30. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board approved allowing up to fifteen dollars as needed per employee on December 11, 2017 regarding the expenditures for one recognition dinner each year held for employees per Nebraska Revised Statute §13-2203. The Board and employees present at the Board meeting on November 13, 2018 discussed the foregoing of a meal and instead purchasing a turkey for employees for their holiday meal.

Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to approve the purchase of a turkey for each County Elected Official and full time employee up to \$15.00 per employee; the fifty turkeys will be purchased from the grocery



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stores located within the County; and the Board of Commissioners plan to distribute the turkeys. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nathan Olson leases the County owned crop ground of 24.68 acres located in a fractional part of the NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Olson's rental lease payment is in March each year and the Lease Agreement provides that the County shall pay Olson reasonable damages due to crop damage for the development of a walking trail or the testing of a new water well. Olson and the Board discussed crop damage costs due to the development of a new Boone County Trails System that was completed in October 2018. The formula used: 24.68 leased acres; less 21.40 crop acres; leaves 3.28 damaged crop acres; 1.64 acres @ \$343.40 cost of production - \$563.18 and 1.64 acres @ \$230.75 rent - \$378.43 for a reimbursement total of \$941.61. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to reimburse Nathan Olson, Lessee, \$941.61 for the 2018 leased year crop damage. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

On November 13, 2018 the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-39, the revised Boone County Employee Handbook changes that were approved on June 27, 2018 with some exclusion to the revisions language until further clarification in regard to the County FMLA policy. Following clarification from labor law legal counsel the clarification language has been changed and updated to the Boone County Employee Handbook pages: Compensatory Time (Comp Time), Page 22; Health Insurance/Vacation, Page 26 and Exhibit "I"; Funeral Leave/Sick Leave, Page 28 and Exhibit "J"; Courthouse Closed, Page 52; Catastrophic Illness Donation, Page 56 and Exhibit "P-2". In addition, some of the federal forms expiration date changed that will be replaced in the portion of the Employer Handbook being Exhibit '2.8a' and Exhibit "4.2" through Exhibit "4.8". Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to approve and sign the Resolution No. 2018-40, the revised Boone County Employee Handbook and Employer Handbook portion as mentioned above. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

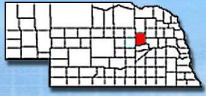
Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to go into executive session at 10:05 A.M., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410, prevention of needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed an employee request. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Luettel to come out of the executive session at 10:13 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Luettel and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Maricle, second by Rasmussen to approve the employee request. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Rasmussen and Luettel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Jack Nordeen, County Weed Superintendent.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Jacqueline Wells, County Veteran Service Officer.

Kevin Rasmussen presented a draft copy of the donors Pledge Agreement for the new livestock facility project at the County Fairgrounds to the Board for their review. The Board contacted Jeff Jarecki, Attorney, by telephone, to discuss the donor Pledge Agreement draft he prepared. The Board felt that there are several unanswered questions at this time in regard to the new livestock facility project at the County Fairgrounds. Motion made by Luettel, second by Maricle to table the review of the donors Pledge Agreement document to the December 10, 2018 Board meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Maricle and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Denny Johnson, Sheriff, presented information he received from Stacen Gross, SCG Consulting Services, LLC, a consultant for communication mergers, in regard to the use of wireless set aside funds for the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Dispatching of Law Enforcement and Emergency Services between Boone County, Nebraska and Nance County, Nebraska. Gross attended the Public Service Commission Wireless Advisory Board meeting on October 30, 2018 to present the funding request for the Boone County and Nance County 911 Communications merger project. The following was approved at 100% for Boone County from the 2914 - 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund: Justice Data CAD - \$32,000.00; GeoComm Mapping Upgrade - \$29,937.00; Platte Valley Hardware for CAD & Mapping - \$28,421.06; Platte Valley Logging Recorder Upgrade - \$3,550.00; and GeoComm Address Point Layer Map Updates - \$14,476.00 for a total of \$108,384.06. Gross's message to Johnson said that the Wireless Advisory Board made a special case since Boone and Nance Counties are consolidating, they felt this was a good way to offer some incentive and to encourage others to consolidate and/or join regions. Boone County is already part of the EC911 Region. The next step is for the Commission to approve the Wireless Advisory Board's recommendation. Once the final approval is made, we can get to work on implementing the merger project. Motion made by Maricle, second by Luettel to use the 2914 - 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund as approved by the Public Service Commission in the amount of approximately \$108,384.06. Roll call vote: Yeas: Maricle, Luettel and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Michael Epley, Platte Valley Communications of Kearney, Inc., Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and John Buck, Chief Deputy Sheriff, updated the Board in regard to the installation of equipment for the Nebraska Statewide Radio System (SRS) on the new County Communications Tower located on the Boone County Fairgrounds. Epley informed the Board that the plan is to re-program the frequency of all emergency radios, etc. the week of December 10, 2018 and have the SRS turned on by the end of December 2018. In addition to the updated information Epley presented a quote for an APX7500 Console and additional equipment in the amount of \$11,110.20. The new console will be used to dispatch Nance County Sheriff on the State Radio System (SRS). It will also serve as backup for the new MCC7500e console after being installed. If Boone County moves to the SRS, it will be used to dispatch the Boone County Sheriff's department. Motion made by Luettel, second by Rasmussen to use the 2910 - 911 Emergency Management Fund to purchase a Motorola APX7500 Console and additional equipment and approve the quote of \$11,110.20 from Platte Valley Communications as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Luettel, Rasmussen and Maricle. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Maricle reported on the Boone County Planning Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Maricle informed the Board that Albion's Holiday Light Parade is scheduled for November 29, 2018.
- County Highway Superintendent informed the Board in regard to liquid deicing material, flagged bridge on 210th Avenue/300th Street area; new propane heating system installed at the County Road Shop District #1, Cedar Rapids; and snow removal policy.

Chairman Luettel declared the meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk