



# Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 29, 2019 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 29, 2019 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Rasmussen called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Alan Rasmussen, Larry Temme and Ben Rutten. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and the convened meeting was open to the public. Chairman Rasmussen acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of April 24, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jacqueline Wells, County Veteran Service Officer, updated the Board in regard to the Nebraska Association County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) accreditation training that Wells and Tina Landauer attended in Omaha the week of April 8-12, 2019. The Board proceedings of March 18, 2019 discussion approved paying a one-time accreditation training fee for a non-full time employee. Wells felt that the as-needed employee should receive some paid meeting (work) hours since the County will not be paying a separate motel bill or food expenses for Landauer. Wells said that the Burt/Thurston County Veteran Service Office is paying for the shared motel room (Wells, Landauer and Warren) for the accreditation training. The Board expressed their concerns that a non-full time employee does not receive County paid benefits. The Board expressed to Wells that their understanding of Landauer receiving accreditation was so Landauer would be able to access the VETRASPEC program and be able to assist a veteran when Wells was not available during the scheduled courthouse hours. The classification of an as-needed employee is that they are helping out in an office occasionally and are not scheduled or guaranteed weekly hours. The Board suggested to Wells that Landauer be available to assist the veterans when Wells is not available in the office. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to approve a one time, meeting time paid of sixteen hours, for a non-full time employee for accreditation to access the VETRASPEC programs to assist veterans. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Ambulance Service submitted three 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 following Ambulance services from the EMS Billing Services account: \$2,280.00 – July 4, 2018; \$2,230.00 – July 13, 2018; and \$2,306.50 – October 1, 2018 for purposes of bookkeeping and turn the accounts over to the County Attorney to attempt further collection. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to turn the July 4, 2018, July 13, 2018 and October 1, 2018 County Ambulance Service accounts balance of \$6,816.50 over to the County Attorney for further collection. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff, presented a quote for the Board to review for the purchase of four exterior guardian uniform shirt carriers with molle gear for the County certified law enforcement personnel. The exterior guardian uniform shirt is a vest style where the law enforcement equipment such as radio, handcuffs, etc. that they carry is on the vest instead of all on their belt. Johnson said that reports indicate the vest provides less stress to the individuals back verses the equipment all on a belt at the waistline. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to authorize the Boone County Sheriff to purchase four exterior guardian uniform shirt carriers with molle gear for approximately \$1,110.00 from Galls LLC of Lexington, Kentucky as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff, and the Board discussed the purchase of a Digital Ally In-Car system for the new law enforcement vehicle, a 2019 Chevrolet pickup that was ordered in January 2019. Johnson did not have a quote for the Board to review for the Digital Ally In-Car system. Johnson informed the Board that the new law enforcement vehicle has not arrived to date and that the Digital Ally In-Car system purchased in 2018 was approximately \$4,200.00. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to authorize the Boone County Sheriff to purchase a Digital Ally In-Car system for the new law enforcement vehicle, 2019 Chevrolet pickup, from Digital Ally of Lenexa, Kansas. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dave Boschult, Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program Specialist, updated the Board in regard to the weed program and overview of the 2018 Boone County noxious weed activity. Boschult informed the Board that his territory covers twenty-six counties. Boschult explained to the Board the required certifications a County Weed Superintendent needs to acquire and the twenty hours of continuing education each calendar year. The twenty hours of continuing education certification stays with the County not the individual. The County Weed Superintendent has an opportunity four times in a calendar year to become re-certified. Boschult informed the Board that he felt Jack Nordeen, Boone County Weed Superintendent, is doing a good job. Boschult, Nordeen and the Board discussed the types of noxious weeds and that in 2018 the Absinth Wormwood and Yellow Flag Iris were added to the Nebraska's Invasive Plant Watch list. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to accept and approve the 2018 written report and requirements for Boone County Weed Superintendent from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Board of Commissioners has the power to sell real estate owned by the county. The County of Boone, Nebraska advertised the week of April 15, 2019 to accept sealed bids for the residentially-zoned vacant lots described as Lots 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32, all in Block 5, West Petersburg, Petersburg, Boone County, Nebraska. The Board received a sealed bid for said lots. The Board opened and reviewed the sealed bid at 10:30 A.M. on April 29, 2019. The Boone County Assessor provided the Board an assessed value for the six lots that are 25' x 140' each (total 150' x 140') of \$12,980.00. The sealed bid from the Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation is for \$15,366.00. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to accept and approve the sealed bid of \$15,366.00 from the Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation, Petersburg, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Abstain: Temme. Motion carried.

Tanya Sharp, President/CEO Boone County Health Center, and the Board discussed the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustee positions. There are five representatives from each of the City/Village areas of the County that are the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees. The board members may serve two consecutive six-year terms and meet monthly. Ken Schmitz, Petersburg area, and Don Casper, Albion area, have completed their first term. The Boone County Health Center Board recommendation to the Board of Commissioners is to retroactively re-appoint Kenneth Schmitz to serve his second six-year term that started July 1, 2018 and the re-appointment of Don Casper to serve his second six-year term beginning July 1, 2019. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to retroactively re-appoint Kenneth Schmitz to serve his second six-year term that started July 1, 2018 and re-appoint Don Casper to serve his second six-year term beginning July 1, 2019. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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In addition, Jody Stodola-Choat, St Edward area, has completed her second six-year term as a Boone County Health Center Board of Trustee. The Board acknowledged the twelve years of service of Jody Stodola-Choat as a member of the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees. The Board did not receive any applications/resumes for said advertised vacant trustee position. The Board and Sharp decided to re-advertise the trustee position one more week in the Albion News and St. Edward Advance. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to advertise the trustee position in the St. Edward area the week of April 29, 2019, for a deadline of May 10, 2019 with applications/resumes reviewed by the Board on May 13, 2019. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## Public Comments:

- Meetings: Agricultural and Educational Activities Building Committee with electrical engineer – May 1, 2019; County Budget Workshop – June 27, 2019; County Board of Equalization – June 5, 2019; and Board of Commissioners Workshop – June 6 & 7, 2019.
- Ken Luettel, expressed concerns that other truckers are hauling aggregate, etc. to stock pile for the County following the adverse weather conditions, but the signed contracted back-haulers are not being asked to pick up road material as they are delivering beans or were not contacted to see if they would be able to help haul aggregate following the bomb cyclone adverse weather. In addition, Luettel informed the Board that the stockpile of fine ground crushed granite was purchased to mix with oil for armor coating, not intended to be used for gravel roads. The Board plans to discuss the situation with the County Highway Superintendent to open up to the back-haulers to stock pile aggregate.
- Ted Thieman, expressed concerns of the crushed concrete, etc. with jagged edges and some large pieces that were left in areas on roads west and north of Petersburg last Friday and over the weekend. Thieman said it appears to be very dangerous having said material left on the packed portion of the road. He said it appears that the intent was for the concrete material to fill soft spot areas and be packed in with dirt material, but it appears the project was not completed on Friday and that left it dangerous for the weekend with no warning signage. The County Highway Superintendent plans to check out said situation.
- The Board acknowledged the condition of several county road areas that they have received from concerned area citizens. Board members plan to visit said concerned areas, in their respective area, following today's meeting.
- The County Highway Superintendent updated the Board on the road/bridge conditions. The stockpile of crushed concrete is intended to be used as fill material for washed out areas.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:53 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk