



# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS MAY 28, 2019 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Vice Chairman Temme called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. and Commissioners present for roll call were Larry Temme and Ben Rutten. Commissioner Alan Rasmussen arrived at 9:20 A.M. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and the convened meeting was open to the public. Vice Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

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 a request for advertisement funding. The Cedar Rapids Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Cedar Rapids Community Picnic event scheduled for June 29, 2019. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement of the community picnic event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Roy Pribnow requested permission to trench an electrical line under a county road commonly known as 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue running north and south between Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 8 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 30, Township 20 North, Range 7 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., all in Boone County, Nebraska. The electrical line commences from an electrical pole located in the NW1/4 of Section 30, Township 20 North, Range 7 West; running thence West to an electric well for irrigation purposes located in the NE/4 of Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 8 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2019-16, granting permission to Roy Pribnow to trench an electrical line under a county road known as 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the NE1/4 of Section 25, Township 20 North, Range 8 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, for irrigation purposes. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Commissioner Alan Rasmussen arrived at 9:20 A.M.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of May 20, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of April 22, 2019 through May 21, 2019 and acknowledged several claims with overtime hours. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$100,149.20, BCBS \$51,604.02, Ameritas Ret \$6,880.31, EFTPS \$7,477.11, Section 125 Fees \$10.00, Wellness Program \$91.38; Road \$63,422.23, BCBS \$31,541.18, Ameritas Ret \$4,273.43, EFTPS \$4,790.51; Ambulance \$3,522.02, Ameritas Ret \$118.79, EFTPS \$269.42; and Public Defender Contract \$3,213.60. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board regarding road equipment repair/replacement, road/bridge maintenance, materials and projects. In addition, the following topics were discussed:

- Discussed the hazard of rain water runoff onto State Highway 14 from a gravel road known as 200<sup>th</sup> Street at the north edge of Loretto. The consensus of the Board is to find a solution to route the drainage water to the ditch on the east side of State Highway 14.
- Consensus of the Board to have the County Highway Superintendent begin the procedure to receive quotes for a truck-tractor for County Road District #1. The 1991 Mack truck-tractor received damage during the March flooding.
- Country Partners Coop submitted propane contract/delivery option documents to review. Motion made the Rutten, second by Temme to continue purchasing propane for the County Road District #1, Cedar Rapids shop building on an as needed basis from Country Partners Coop. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Robinson, County Highway Superintendent, prepared a Non-Exclusive Contract for Services for each of the interested truckers to back-haul aggregate for the County. The contracts are for the year 2019 with the contractor compensation being \$7.00 per ton for road gravel and \$11.00 per ton for other aggregate. The interested truckers needed to attach a copy of the truck driver's CDL and Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage to the contract. In addition, the back-hauler is to contact the County Highway Superintendent before any load is accepted by Boone County. The Board reviewed the Non-Exclusive Contract for Services submitted by PPK Two Transportation, LLC. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Non-Exclusive Contract for Services as accepted and approved by the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken by the Board to redeck a bridge on 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue, due to no quotes were received to date for the material/labor from contractor(s).

The Board approved an engineer study in August 2017 to be completed to determine costs and options for repairs for approximately four miles of the asphalt portion of 145<sup>th</sup> Street west of Petersburg from 210<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a main route for areas west and northwest of Petersburg and for use by the Volunteer Fire Department/Rescue Squad. The Board received information regarding the Thiele Geotech, Inc. study of Project C-6 (394), Petersburg west on April 16, 2018. On February 26, 2019 Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., the Board and Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, discussed the engineering evaluation and information that was presented at previous meetings. On May 13, 2019 the Board reviewed two options McDonald prepared following the flooding and adverse weather in March/April 2019. The Board has been informed that contractors for improvement projects are not readily available or providing bidding of projects at this time with all of the infrastructure damage across the state. McDonald informed the Board that repair options may have to be considered now due to the rising costs and shortage of materials and contractors. McDonald prefers to advertise for bids now in order to obtain a closer estimate of the costs of material/labor for the suggested repair projects. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to authorize the Boone County Clerk to submit an ad prepared by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for bids for the repair of 145<sup>th</sup> Street, Petersburg West project. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, presented quotes for the Board to review to upgrade computers located in the County Law Enforcement building. Johnson informed the Board that the State will no longer be supporting the



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Windows 7 software for law enforcement purposes and will be upgrading to Windows 10 software. Johnson informed the Board that Windows 10 software may possibly be downloaded onto two or three of the computers instead of purchasing new computer units for \$135.00 each. The computer in the Sheriff's office and the laptop need replacing. The new Nebraska State Law requires law enforcement to issue digital citations, requiring an in-car computer with printer in each law enforcement vehicle. Johnson informed the Board that he has filed a request to exempt Boone County for 2019 from the new statute requirements for digital citation processing. The difference in the laptop computer quotes of \$1,457.00 and \$1,810.00 is that the \$1,810.00 laptop would be ready for in-car use. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to authorize the County Sheriff to purchase a laptop (\$1,810.00) and computer (\$841.00) in Sheriff's office and upgrade the two/three computers with Windows 10 software for \$135.00 each, per quotes from Applied Connective Technologies, LLC. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and the Board discussed the purchase of a bullet proof vest for a potential new law enforcement employee. Johnson informed the Board that there is a grant to help pay for a portion of a vest. A vest averages around \$800.00-\$855.00 and Johnson would like authorization to order a vest today prior to the hiring of a new deputy. The grant application submission deadline is today. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to authorize the County Sheriff to apply for a grant to help support the purchase of a vest for approximately \$855.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Sheriff, presented information and approximate costs for the Board to review regarding new equipment if Boone County Law Enforcement becomes a part of the Nebraska State Wide Radio System (SRS). Johnson said that Nance County is already on the SRS and the merger of the Boone and Nance County Sheriff's offices 911 Communications/Dispatching is set for June 1, 2019. Boone County will be dispatching for Nance County. The proposed costs for upgrading all law enforcement equipment (two consoles, mobile and portable radios, etc.) to the SRS is \$318,107.00. Motorola Solutions offers a lease program for the Board to consider if funds are not readily available. In addition, the County would have the option of joining a statewide core system for a ten year period for approximately \$100,000.00, where the state would upgrade/replace the county hardware/software as needed. Johnson said that today is only information for the Board to review with further discussion at a later date.

## Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Planning Commission Board – May 28, 2019; Boone County Health Center Board – May 28, 2019; County Board of Equalization Workshop – June 5, 2019; and Board of Commissioners Workshop – June 6 & 7, 2019.
- Commissioner Temme updated the Board regarding the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. board meeting.
- Mark Wegener reported a plugged culvert with water over the road on 290<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The County Clerk/Election Commissioner office appreciated Commissioner Rutten and Sheriff Johnson delivering surplus Election equipment/material to various counties.
- The Board acknowledged receiving TIF reports in accordance with NE State Statute Chapter 18.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk