



# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JULY 8, 2019 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 8, 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 Ben Rutten, Alan Rasmussen and Larry Temme. 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.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$71,743.16; Road/Weed - \$137,997.97; Inheritance Tax - \$54,500.00; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$436.68; 911 Wireless Services (2913) - \$490.86; and Ambulance - \$3,099.59. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of June 26, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of June 26, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for June, 2019:

- Clerk - \$6,949.75 (State of Nebraska - \$3,181.59/County of Boone - \$3,768.16)
- Clerk of the District Court - \$571.35 (State of Nebraska - \$216.00/County of Boone - \$355.35)
- Sheriff - \$3,349.81
- Planning and Zoning - \$716.31
- Treasurer – Misc. Receipt Nos. 17140-17201 - \$266,543.34; Total Collections - \$488,531.53.

Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer submitted a Semi-Annual Statement for January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to accept and approve the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk and County Treasurer submitted copies of pledged securities (collateral) for their respective offices as of June 30, 2019. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to acknowledge and approve the pledged securities (collateral) as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk submitted a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for fiscal year end June 30, 2019. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept and approve as presented the County Clerk/Register of



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Deeds 2018-2019 fiscal year-end report. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed submitted quotes for the copy paper for the county courthouse fiscal year 2019-2020 on June 26, 2019 and tabled a decision to the July 8, 2019 Board meeting. The quote request was for seventy cases on seven coupons/ten cases per coupon of no less than 96 bright and no less than 20 lb. paper, paid after each coupon order/delivery. The Board previously discussed the substantial cost increase of copy paper from July 2018 through June 2019, compared to the quotes received in June of 2018. The quotes for the 2019-2020 request range from \$34.50 to \$42.99 per case. A case of copy paper is 10 reams/5,000 sheets. The Board discussed the coupon quote request, differences of the quotes received, and purchase/storage of seventy cases at the quoted price as one order. The Board discussed the little difference between the quotes and felt they should keep the purchase local. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept the copy paper quote from Albion News and approve ordering the seventy cases as one order at \$34.50 each for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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:

- The County Highway Superintendent updated the Board regarding her meeting with a FEMA representative on July 2, 2019. Reimbursement of total cost of approved projects are FEMA seventy-five percent, NEMA twelve and one-half percent and County twelve and one-half percent. The County pays the total cost of all the infrastructure repairs from the March 2019 storm damages and are not to expect any reimbursement for five to eight years.
- The County Highway Superintendent informed the Board that the estimated approximate cost for asphalt repair is \$400,000.00 per mile.

The Board and County Highway Superintendent discussed the purchase of a motor grader to replace the 1996 140H that is in need of extensive repairs on June 26, 2019. The County currently has thirteen motor graders and a new purchased motor grader would be for Road District #3. The NMC CAT representative in Norfolk said that there is a Caterpillar Model 140 available to purchase through the state bid. The Board reviewed the state bid sales agreement from NMC CAT. The state bid sales agreement includes a five year/5000 hr. warranty and a parts credit of \$21,000.00. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to authorize the Board Chairman to sign the NMC CAT Sales Agreement for the purchase of a new Caterpillar Model 140 motor grader with a five year warranty and parts credit for the state bid of \$306,390.00 less trade-in of the 1996 140H of \$20,000.00 for a total purchase of \$286,390.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and the Board have reviewed and discussed information and approximate costs for new radio equipment and a statewide core system for a ten year period where the state would upgrade/replace the county hardware/software as needed to become a part of the Nebraska State Wide Radio System (SRS) at several Board meetings. The Board and Johnson discussed purchasing or leasing the equipment; include or not include the ten year core service program; and advantages or disadvantages to become a part of the Nebraska State Wide Radio System (SRS). The pricing summary for all new equipment, radios and first year warranty/maintenance quote is approximately \$318,107.30. The approximate quote for a ten year dispatch life cycle/warranty services and for keeping the software/firmware upgraded is \$211,461.00 for a total of approximately \$529,568.30. The Board made no decision at this time.



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Denny Johnson, Sheriff, informed the Board that there is more training required for the consolidated Boone/Nance 911 Communications merger and there has been additional demands/stress on the dispatchers. Johnson feels the dispatchers need some form of extra compensation for the additional merger demands, working night shifts and weekends. The Board made no decision at this time.

The Board discussed budget preparation for fiscal year 2019-2020 with the County Assessor, Clerk, Sheriff, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Highway Superintendent, Zoning Administrator, Veteran Service Officer, Courthouse Maintenance, County Court, and Attorney office employee. The Board would like to make some spending cuts where possible. Due to the infrastructure damage from the March 2019 storms the Board asked that there be none or very little increase for operating line codes from the prior year request. The infrastructure damage to the County roads, bridges, etc. reimbursement of repair costs (if any) will not be received from FEMA/NEMA for five to eight years. The Board would like to be able to repair the infrastructure damages without having to bond or borrow additional funds. The consumer price index cost of living increase was 1.8 percent. The employee benefits were discussed. The Board made no decision at this time in regard to an hourly Cost of Living wage increase for full time employees.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to recess at 1:26 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Board of Commissioners and County Assessor joined the NACO webinar at 1:30 P.M. regarding the 2019 legislative session passage of LB512. An owner of real property that became destroyed on or after January 1 and before July 1 of the current assessment year may file a Form 425, Report of Destroyed Real Property. Destroyed Real Property means real property that suffered significant property damage as a result of a calamity. Calamity means a disastrous event, including but not limited to a fire, earthquake, flood, tornado or other natural event. The valuation protest Form 425 is heard by the County Board of Equalization.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to reconvene said Board meeting at 2:20 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## Public Comments:

- Bob Leslie expressed concerns of road/bridge conditions in the Boone/Greeley County line area.
- Commissioner Rasmussen updated the Board regarding the East-Central District Health Department changes.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2019.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk