



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JULY 15, 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 15, 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, Larry Temme and Alan Rasmussen. 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 July 8, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of July 8, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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. St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church of Petersburg requested assistance to advertise the St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church Bazaar Fall Festival fundraiser event scheduled for September 1, 2019. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement of the Church Bazaar Fall Festival from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2018-2019 fiscal year-end Boone County Ambulance Services report. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to accept and approve as presented the Boone County Ambulance Service 2018-2019 fiscal year-end report. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer submitted to the Board a list of delinquent 2015 real estate taxes not sold at the tax sale held in March 2019 as per Nebraska State Statute. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve Resolution No. 2019-23, hereby directing the Boone County Treasurer to issue Treasurer's Certificates of Tax Sale in favor of Boone County on all parcels of real estate with delinquent real estate taxes for 2015 and subsequent years offered for sale for less than three consecutive years that were not sold for want of bidders as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board opened and reviewed proposals/quotes for updating of the Boone County Comprehensive Plan and Regulations on June 17, 2019. The Board tabled a decision to the July 15, 2019 Board meeting to allow the Board time to further review and compare the proposals/quotes. On July 8, 2019 the Board met with department heads. 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's requests. The Board and County Zoning Administrator discussed the proposals/quotes and the need/timing of updating the regulations. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to decline the proposals/quotes and not move forward at this time for the updating of the Boone County Comprehensive Plan and Regulations. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Boone County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, July 15, 2019 in the Boone County Courthouse in the Commissioners Room in Albion, Nebraska. The public hearing was held in accordance with Nebraska State Statute 23-107.01, prior to any such lease at which any interested party may appear and speak for or against the lease and raise any issue concerning the County Board leasing said County property. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept sealed bids for the property to be leased, specifically the South 22 feet of the North 66 feet of Lots 5 and 6, Block 14, Original Town of Albion, Boone County, Nebraska, commonly known as BCDA, Inc. until 4:00 P.M. on Friday, July 26, 2019, at the Boone County Clerk's office with bids to be opened/reviewed at 11:00 A.M., on Monday, July 29, 2019 in the Boone County Commissioners Meeting Room located in the courthouse, Albion, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

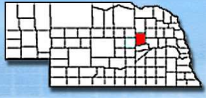
Boone County Highway Superintendent updated the Board regarding equipment repair/replacement, road/bridge maintenance, materials and projects. The Board received an update on the current road projects throughout the County.

On June 17, 2019 the Board approved Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) to further negotiate with the Great West Casualty Company regarding the replacement value of the 2002 Kenworth truck-tractor that was considered at total loss during the March flood. After further negotiations the Board received updated figures for the truck-tractor: GWCC Retains Salvage - Tractor ACV \$30,105.00, less deductible \$2,500.00; Boone County Retains Salvage – Tractor ACV \$30,105.00, less salvage reduction of \$4,025.00 and less deductible of \$2,500.00. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to accept the 2002 Kenworth truck-tractor flood damaged settlement where GWCC Retains Salvage. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, presented a quote for the Board to review for ceiling (roof) and wall insulation material from Sentinel Building Systems for the County Road District #1, Cedar Rapids shop building. The quote does not include labor for installation of the insulation. The Board asked Ziemba to obtain labor quote(s) for the installation of the insulation, before a decision is made by the Board in regard to said project.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, presented a sample bid specification prepared by RDO Truck Center for Dixon County for the Board to review. The sample bid specification is a guideline to help prepare bid specifications when the County is seeking bids for new trucks, etc. that are not purchased through a state bid. When an estimated value of a purchase is fifty thousand dollars or more the purchase is through the competitive sealed bidding process. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to authorize the County Highway Superintendent, to proceed through the competitive sealed bidding process for a new truck-tractor to replace the 2002 Kenworth. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed budget preparation for fiscal year 2019-2020 at their July 8, 2019 Board meeting. The employee benefits, consumer price index and January cost of living wage increase for full time employees were discussed. The County Assessor, Clerk, Sheriff, Treasurer, Highway Superintendent, Zoning Administrator, UNL Extension Educator and Attorney office employee were present on July 15, 2019 to discuss a cost of living/performance evaluation merit pay for year 2020. The discussion in relation to wages in accordance with the County Employee Handbook for year 2020 was a percentage figured off of the lower starting range of the respective base wage, continue or discontinue the (0-12 cents) Merit Based Pay Program based on employee's performance evaluation, or full time employees receive a 35 cent per hour cost of living for 2020. The Board encouraged department heads to continue employee performance evaluations on a regular basis and that the performance evaluations will not provide for any wage increase.



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Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to eliminate the Merit Based Pay Program of (0-12 cents), employee performance evaluations will not provide for any wage increase and full time employees are to receive a 35 cent per hour cost of living wage increase for year 2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to go into executive session at 1:34 P.M., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410(1), prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The Board met with the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to come out of the executive session at 1:52 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried. No action was taken by the Board.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. – July 15, 2019; Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – July 16, 2019; Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging – July 18, 2019;
- Commissioner Rutten updated the Board regarding the Boone County Trails System (Friends of the Trail) meeting.
- Karen Kayton expressed concerns of a road's condition and need of gravel on 310th Street.
- Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. informed the Board of damage (possibly wind) to the frame of the new building being constructed at the fairgrounds.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 22, 2019.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk