

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 9, 2019 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 9, 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.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$35,916.21; Road/Weed - \$176,917.44; County Visitor's Promotion - \$259.30; Inheritance Tax - \$2,500.00; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$449.16; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$490.86; Fair Building (4025) - \$692,824.50; and Ambulance - \$1,644.89. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

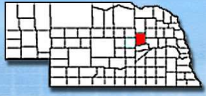
Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for November, 2019:

- Clerk - \$20,095.50 (State of Nebraska - \$12,337.85/County of Boone - \$7,757.65)
- Clerk of the District Court - \$871.10 (State of Nebraska - \$278.00/County of Boone - \$593.10)
- Sheriff - \$2,614.64
- County Planning & Zoning - \$245.00
- Treasurer – Misc. Receipt Nos. 17461-17517 - \$5,268,789.61; Total Collections - \$5,580,820.75.

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

The Board received Payment Application Nos. 11 & 12 from Rathman Manning Construction for the fairgrounds building. The payment request is for a portion of the concrete, masonry, metal/framing, doors, windows, plumbing, electrical, utilities and thermal insulation. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to approve payment number eleven for \$194,359.41 and twelve for \$498,465.09 from Rathman Manning Construction for a total of \$692,824.50 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tanya Sharp, Boone County Health Center, President/Chief Executive Officer, presented a Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application for the Board to review. The Boone County Health Center provides in home services for physical, occupational, speech and intravenous therapy; nursing; social work; and home health aide. The Boone County Health Center serves patients in the counties of Antelope, Boone, Greeley, Madison, Nance, Platte and Wheeler. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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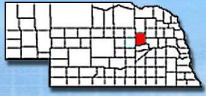
The County of Boone, Nebraska and the Boone County Fitness Center, Inc. entered into a Lease that commenced as of the 1st day of January, 2017, for the following property owned by the county to be operated and leased as a fitness center, specifically Lots 6, 7, and 8, Block 9, Mansfield's Second Addition to Albion, Boone County, Nebraska. The initial term of said lease continued for a term of three years. The Boone County Fitness Center Board agreed with the automatic renewal terms for three successive years being 2020, 2021 and 2022 with no changes to the Lease dated January 1, 2017. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to approve renewal with no changes made to the Lease dated January 1, 2017 between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Boone County Fitness Center, Inc. for three successive years being 2020, 2021 and 2022. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute §77-2318 approves the applications and authorizes the deposit of county funds in designated banks as County Depositories each year. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve as written Resolution No. 2019-44 to accept and approve the written applications of the following designated County Depositories of the County Funds for calendar year 2020: Boone County Bank, a division of Madison County Bank, Albion; Cedar Rapids State Bank, Cedar Rapids; Cornerstone Bank, York and Albion and St. Edward Branches; First Bank & Trust of Fullerton, St. Edward Branch; Great Plains State Bank, Petersburg; and Homestead Bank of Cozad, Albion Branch. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received an Agreement to review for a highway improvement project in Boone County. The Agreement is between Boone County, Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation for Project No. STP-14-3(119), in Albion, Petersburg and Elgin. The construction may involve the obliteration or destruction of land survey corners and witness corners. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Agreement for Project No. STP-14-3(119), in Albion, Petersburg and Elgin between Boone County, Nebraska and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation for registered land surveyor services as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, submitted a written request for the Boone-Nance County Extension Board's member recommendation. The Boone-Nance County Extension Board has four representatives from each county. The board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The board meets quarterly, alternating the meetings between the counties. Roger Voichoski of Albion has completed his first term. The Boone-Nance County Extension Board recommends the re-appointment of Roger Voichoski of Albion to serve his second three-year term on the Boone-Nance County Extension Board beginning January 2020. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to re-appoint Roger Voichoski to serve his second three-year term on the Boone-Nance County Extension Board beginning January 2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County and Greeley County Board of Commissioners entered into their first County of Greeley/County of Boone, NE Interlocal Agreement for cooperative services to veterans in March of 2015. The cooperative agreement enables the Boone County Veteran Service Officer to also serve as the Greeley County Veteran Service Officer. The Boone County Veteran Service Officer spends approximately one day a week in Greeley County. The yearly compensation from Greeley County to Boone County has been the same amount since 2015 and currently is not covering the one day a week wages and travel expenses. The Greeley County Attorney prepared a new Interlocal Agreement for the Board to review. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve an Interlocal Agreement for the year 2020 between County of Greeley and County of Boone for cooperative services to veterans as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Board reviewed a document acknowledging that EMS Billing Services, Inc. was acquired by Quick Med Claims, LLC. The County of Boone, Nebraska has an agreement with EMS Billing Services, Inc. for billing services for the Boone County Ambulance Services transporting of patients from/to the Boone County Health Center to another facility. The Agreement shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to acknowledge receipt of the document assigning the Agreement with EMS Billing Services, Inc. to Quick Med Claims, LLC and authorize the Board Chairman to sign said document. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board regarding road equipment repair/replacement, road/bridge maintenance, materials and projects.

Stacey Ziembra, County Highway Superintendent, asked the Board to review the hourly starting wage for full-time newly hired road employees, because two of the recently hired full-time road employees are looking for different employment as they feel the \$14.00 per hour is too low of an hourly wage. Ziembra said that the Nebraska Department of Transportation recently changed road workers starting wage to \$16.00 per hour. Denny Johnson, Sheriff, and Ziembra discussed the challenge of attracting and keeping employees with the county current starting hourly wage scales that were just changed and became effective January 2019. The current starting hourly wage for road employees is \$14.00-\$15.00 and jailer/dispatchers \$11.00-\$12.00, depending on experience and required certifications. The Board discussed with Ziembra, Johnson and County Attorney office employee Pam Jochum, that an employee needs to include their respective County paid benefits of retirement and health insurance premium each month in order to know what they are making per hour based on a forty hour work week. The County pays the full NACO BCBS (employee and family) health insurance premium and employee dental. In addition, the group noted that the employment turnover of jailer/dispatchers may be the responsibility of 911 calls, etc. and working nights/weekends. The Board plans to check the starting wages/benefits of the neighboring counties. No decision was made by the Board.

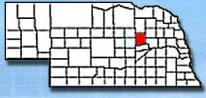
The Board heard a County Burial request. The Board explained to the requestor the County protocol procedure and the requestor completed an application for county burial. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the requestor's share of the burial expense directly to Levander Funeral Home. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board heard a General Assistance request for utilities (water, sewer, garbage). The Board explained to the requestor the County protocol procedure and that the County does not pay the taxes, late fees or reconnect fee associated with the utility billing. The Board informed the requestor that this is a one-time assistance. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to approve partial payment of the utility billing less the taxes, late fees and reconnect fee, through November 30, 2019 directly to the entity. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: BCDA, Inc. – December 10, 2019; Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. special meeting – December 11, 2019.
- Commissioner Temme updated the Board regarding a meeting with a group of individuals discussing the funding of flooring, furnishings and bond payments for the new building at the fairgrounds through grants, fundraisers and the pledges.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 12:43 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019.



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Kathy Thorberg, Boone County Clerk