

# Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
DECEMBER 16, 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 16, 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 Larry Temme, Ben Rutten 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.

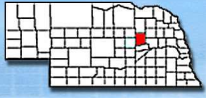
Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of December 9, 2019 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

As provided by State Statute, Section 23-1302, the County Clerk shall certify to the County Treasurer as of June 15 and December 15 each year the total amount of unpaid claims of the county. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to approve and accept the Certification from the County Clerk to the County Treasurer as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County of Boone, Nebraska's present Public Defender Agreement expires January 1, 2020. The County had received information that there is possibly interest in the appointed Public Defender position. The Nebraska State Statutes §23-3401 through §23-3408 addresses the Public Defender position. On October 21, 2019 the Board addressed the appointment of a policy board (§23-3405) that consists of three members. The Boone County Public Defender Policy Board consisted of three neighboring out-of-county individuals. The Public Defender Policy Board met on December 11, 2019 and interviewed the applicants. The applicants were highly qualified to serve as the Boone County Public Defender. The Board discussed the position and after serious consideration of the highly qualified applicants decided to re-appoint the current Boone County Public Defender. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to re-appoint Jeffrey C. Jarecki as Boone County Public Defender for a total compensation of \$80,597.09 for the two year term of 2020 and 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Road employee. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to accept and approve the resignation of Dennis Lough effective January 7, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and Highway Superintendent discussed the status of the building that was damaged and removed in 2018 at the County Road Department, District #3, in Petersburg on November 12, 2019. The Board decided to proceed with a steel structure and publish a notice for sealed bids pursuant to state statutes on November 18, 2019. The Board received two sealed bids to open at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, December 16, 2019. The bids for a Steel Building, 42' x 40' x 16' Sidewalls, three framed openings with no doors and labor: Bob Thompson Construction, Cedar Rapids - \$31,941.00 and C & J Construction LLC, Albion - \$32,460.00. The quotes are only for the building material and labor to erect said building. The Board discussed removal of the old concrete floor that was not removed with the damaged building. The consensus of the Board is that the County will remove the concrete floor, level the ground and use rock for the floor in the new building. The building quotes do not include any costs for options, such as gutters, etc. or costs for the footings, perimeter cap, material, etc.



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Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to approve and accept the quote as presented for the building material and construction of a 42' x 40' steel building from Bob Thompson Construction of Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, to replace the building that was damaged and removed in 2018 at the County Road Department, District #3 in Petersburg and to be completed before June 1, 2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Mary Ziemba, Zoning Administrator.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Jack Nordeen, County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Jacqueline Wells, County Veteran Service Officer.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent.

## Public Comments:

- Commissioner Temme updated the Board regarding the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. special meeting held on December 11, 2019.
- County Highway Superintendent informed the Board that the County received \$1,000.00 from the NIRMA ASSIST Safety Incentive Program for the purchase of safety equipment such as safety glasses, gloves, etc. for use by the county road employees.
- County Sheriff and Chief Deputy Sheriff updated the Board regarding Law Enforcement activities.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:06 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Friday, December 27, 2019.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk