



Boone County Board Minutes



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS ELECTED COUNTY SURVEYOR POSITION

Alan Rasmussen, Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners called for a motion to open a public hearing on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. in the Boone County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room in Albion, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Temme, second by Commissioner Rutten to open said public hearing. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication and the convened hearing was open to the public. Commissioners present for said public hearing were Larry Temme, Ben Rutten and Alan Rasmussen. Chairman Rasmussen acknowledged the publication notice for the record.

Nebraska Revised Statute §32-525, states that if a County having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants has an elected County Surveyor in office on January 1, 2020, the County Board may, prior to February 1, 2020, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution to continue to elect the County Surveyor for the County.

If a resolution is not adopted by the County Board prior to February 1, 2020, the question of electing a County Surveyor must appear on the General Election ballot in November 2020.

At the November 2020 General Election, if a majority of votes cast are in favor of the election of the office of County Surveyor, the office continues to be elected. If a majority of votes cast are against the election of the office of County Surveyor, the elected office ceases to exist at the end of the term of the incumbent and the office becomes an appointed position.

On January 27, 2020, the Boone County Board of Commissioners, held a public hearing at its regular meeting upon publication of notice of the same in the legal newspapers of the Albion News, Petersburg Press and St. Edward Advance in the county. The public hearing was for the purpose of hearing public comments and to discuss the issue of the elected office of a County Surveyor.

The population of Boone County is less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the most recent official United State Census. As of January 1, 2020 the office of County Surveyor of Boone County is considered elected as the office appears on the ballot. The Boone County Surveyor position has been filled by a County Board appointment for several years due to there is no County resident that is a licensed surveyor. A person appointed to the office of County Surveyor in any County shall not be required to reside in the County of appointment. No comments were received by the Board of Commissioners at the public hearing.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Temme to close said public hearing at 10:49 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to submit to the voters of Boone County, Nebraska the question of electing a Boone County Surveyor at the November 3, 2020 General Election: "For election of county surveyor" the office continues to be an elected position; "Against election of county surveyor" the office becomes an appointed position by the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk