



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 26, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Vice Chairman Temme called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Ben Rutten and Larry Temme. Commissioner Alan Rasmussen was absent due to illness. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and the convened meeting was open to the public. Vice Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of January 22, 2020 through February 21, 2020. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$101,431.07, BCBS \$50,486.32, Ameritas Ret \$6,989.96, EFTPS \$7,573.05, LTD Premiums \$2.27, Section 125 Fees \$10.00, Wellness Program \$125.60; Road \$67,303.58, BCBS \$31,578.68, Ameritas Ret \$4,543.00, EFTPS \$5,084.57; Ambulance \$3,108.74, Ameritas Ret \$82.95, EFTPS \$237.82; and Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of February 18, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The Board received an update of activities from Patrick Peer, Chief Executive Officer, and Chuck Sepers, Chief Public Health Officer, East-Central District Health Department. The East-Central District Health Department is located in Columbus, Nebraska and serves Boone, Colfax, Nance and Platte Counties. Peer presented and reviewed a Boone County Health Report for October-December 2019. The Nebraska East Central Health District's public health system is defined with the line between public health (East-Central District Health Department) and healthcare (Good Neighbor Community Health Center) within our health district. Healthcare focuses primarily on tertiary prevention or preventing of the progression of disease within the patient. Public Health focuses primarily on helping to implement new or modified programs, policies, and practice that prevent people from getting sick to begin with. Peer and Sepers highlighted part of the twenty-two page report: ten essential public health services; Social Determinants of Health; 2020 flood outlook; lead poisoning, usually found in older homes built before 1978; influenza surveillance; youth tobacco and substance abuse prevention; building healthy families; COVID-19; and Boone County Community Snapshot. The Albion location that offers Outreach and Enrollment services for WIC, Medicaid, CHIP, etc. moved to a new location at 2583 State Highway 14, Suite 3, Albion. The Board, Peer and Sepers discussed meeting quarterly to review the County's health assessment and public needs. The consensus of the Board is to meet with East-Central District Health representatives to receive an update of programs and activities on a quarterly basis for year 2020.



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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 with no action taken by the Board:

- County Road Dist. #2, Albion tagged some surplus items for disposal. The County Highway Superintendent plans to consign some of the surplus items on the annual FFA auction scheduled for April 5, 2020.
- City of Albion has applied to host a disposal site for collection of used tires in May.
- The 6,000 gallon tanker that receives used oil located in the Road Dist. #2, Albion yard is nearing full. The County Highway Superintendent plans to research how to dispose of the used oil.
- The purchase of a new Caterpillar motor grader was approved on February 10, 2020 and use the CAT Financial plan to defer the payment to July. The consensus of the Board is to not finance and pay approximately three months of interest. Nebraska Machinery Company to be paid \$261,140.00 upon delivery of the new motor grader and picking up of the 1998 Caterpillar that was traded-in.

The Board, County Highway Superintendent, Ryan Figgner and Richard (Rick) Figgner, Primrose, Nebraska discussed the status of the Pilot Knob Bridge. Figgner's expressed to the Board that they would like to have the bridge reconstructed for through traffic. The said bridge collapsed in the middle following the 2019 spring flooding. Highway Superintendent informed the group that an engineer from JEO Consulting Group has studied the bridge and surrounding area. If the decision is to repair/replace the said damaged bridge it would need to be extended in length. The County Highway Superintendent expects to have the engineer report and estimated costs for reconstruction of said bridge within a month. The Pilot Knob Bridge project would be considered a FEMA project. Figgner's plan to gather signatures from area residents that would like to see the bridge replaced for through traffic. The Board indicated that the order of funding for repair to damaged roads and bridges throughout the County from the 2019 flooding will be repaired in the order of the higher traffic use to the lower traffic use.

The County Highway Superintendent prepared a Non-Exclusive Contract For Services for each of the interested truckers to back-haul aggregate for the County. The contracts are for the year 2020 with the contractor compensation being \$7.00 per ton for road gravel and \$11.00 per ton for other aggregate. The interested truckers needed to attach a copy of the truck driver's CDL and Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage to the contract. In addition, the back-hauler is to contact the County Highway Superintendent before any load is accepted by Boone County. The Board reviewed the Non-Exclusive Contract for Services submitted by Ron Beckman/Beckman Lumber, Inc.; Ken Luettel/JACK Dynamic, LLC; Jason Hoefler/Jason Hoefler Trucking; Rollie C. Huffman/RCH Transfer; and Randy Schlecht/Schlecht Trucking, LLC. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to authorize the Board Vice Chairman to sign the Non-Exclusive Contracts for Services as accepted and approved by the County Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The County Highway Superintendent and Board, continued the discussion in regard to Non-Exclusive Contract for hauling services of aggregate from quarries to the county stockpiles at a different rate than the Non-Exclusive Contracts to back-haul for 2020. In 2019 some Non-Exclusive Contract hauling services of aggregate from quarries to the county stockpiles received an hourly rate to haul aggregate. The Board has concerns with an hourly rate, such as the County may be paying for the time the trucker is waiting at the gravel pit to be loaded and while being loaded. A discussion to possibly use a compensation rate based on a loaded mile or loaded weight. The consensus of the Board that this service is not needed at this time, the County has employees/trucks/trailers that can haul gravel/rock at this time. No decision was made by the Board.



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On January 21, 2020, Randall Bruland, County Ambulance Administrator, and the Board discussed possibly beginning the process to obtain quotes for a new County Ambulance unit. On January 27, 2020 the Board approved advertising for sealed bids for a new County Ambulance unit with sealed bids received through 4:00 P.M. on Friday, February 21, 2020 and opened at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020. The Board received sealed bids from two companies: Arrow Manufacturing, Inc. of Rock Rapids, Iowa (Arrow) - \$189,900.00 and \$199,900.00; and Danko Emergency Equipment Co. of Snyder, Nebraska (Danko) - \$259,898.00. Jeff Horn, Danko, was present to represent the company and answer question in regard to their quote. There was no representative present for Arrow. The Board, Bruland and Jeff Horn discussed the differences within the sealed bids and that Arrow includes a 40% deposit at the time of the ordering of a new unit. Horn asked Bruland about the replacement of the cot that is in the 2016 County Ambulance unit. Bruland replied that the County Ambulance cot was like new and that the plan is to keep the current cot. Horn indicated that the price of a new cot will be removed from the quote. Horn said that if the County FIN# (Ford discount) is still active that will also lower the quote. Bruland also noted that Danko is closer to Albion when the ambulance unit is in need of service.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to authorize the Board Vice Chairman to sign the Proposal for Demers Ambulance and a Sales Contract with the changes from the original quote of removal of the new cot price and Ford discount for the purchase of a 2020 Demers MXP-170 Type 1 Ambulance installed on a Ford F-450 Chassis including graphics and power load from Danko Emergency Equipment Co. for \$238,420.00 with delivery in approximately seven to nine months. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

On February 18, 2020 members of the Boone County Agricultural Education, Inc., Kurt Kruse, Bill Robinson and Chuck Rolf were present to discuss with the Board and John Morgan, County Attorney, the use of up to \$120,000.00 of the pledged funding received for the payment of the bonds for the new fairgrounds building in order to purchase furnishings for the new fairgrounds building. Morgan suggested a resolution to be signed for the use of up to \$120,000.00 of the bond pledged fund account to be used by the building improvement fund account and payable back to the bond fund account within a year of the signed resolution and a resolution to be drafted for signatures for the February 26, 2020 Board meeting. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2020-04, authorizing Kurt Kruse and William J. Robinson, Boone County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. representatives to transfer up to and not to exceed \$120,000.00 as needed from the accounts of the Boone County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. Bond Payment Account 10875 to the building Improvements Account 10923 and amount transferred to Account 10923 be transferred back to Account 10875 on or before March 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

On February 10 and 18, 2020 the Board and Steve Pritchard, UNL Extension, discussed quotes for new furnishings for the UNL Extension office space for cabinets/counter tops and meeting/conference room space for cabinets, counter tops, sink, etc. to be located in the new building at the fairgrounds. The Board had indicated they would like to see the UNL Extension office move and use as much of the existing cabinets and furnishings from the current office in the courthouse to the new office at the fairgrounds. The Board agreed to visit the new building to observe the UNL Extension space before making a furnishings decision. Those present to further discuss the furnishings issue were: Kurt Kruse, Chuck Rolf, Kevin Rasmussen, Hilary Maricle, Josephine Weltruski and Pam Jochum. The Board acknowledged the Board Proceedings from 2018 that the furnishings for the building were not included in the three million dollar construction quotes and any expenses beyond the three million dollar building project will need to come from fundraising/donations, not from the County or a tax levy assessed upon the tax payers.



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Maricle informed the group that she is the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Engagement Zone 6 Coordinator and it is proposed for Maricle to office in the new Boone County Agricultural Education Center building. The proposal is for Maricle to utilize the third office room at the new fairgrounds building and the same space would be available for Regional Educators to use when they are in the County. The group said that the existing cabinets and furnishings in the courthouse UNL Extension office may be utilized in the three office areas and storage room at the new fairgrounds building and the new furnishings quote from Mark's Custom Woodworking still be purchased for the new conference/meeting room of \$5,747.74 and the new main office/reception area of \$23,628.53. Kruse said that if the County does not want to fund the new furnishings, the Boone County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. would provide some cost share funds. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the quotes of \$5,747.74 for meeting/conference room and \$23,628.53 for office/reception area furnishings for UNL Extension office from Mark's Custom Woodworking of Creston, Nebraska with a one-half cost share being Boone County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. paying \$14,688.14 and the County of Boone, Extension Office budget paying \$14,688.13. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, Sheriff, presented a one-time fee of \$2,112.00 for installation of five new Equature Voice Licenses. Johnson informed the Board that there are two lines to the Equature Voice Recorder in the County Law Enforcement building and that five more lines need to be added to the Equature Voice Recorder for communications with the new Statewide Radio System. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the five new Equature Voice Licenses for a one-time fee of \$2,112.00 for the Equature Voice Recorder for communications with the new Statewide Radio System with part of the fee being paid from the 911 Wireless Service Fund 2913. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

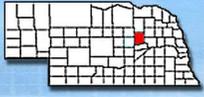
The County of Boone auditing services contract expired with the fiscal year end June 30, 2019 audit. After reviewing records, the last time the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts completed an audit for County of Boone was in 1992. The Board feels it would give them comfort to have a State Audit completed and to know if everything is on the right track. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to request the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts to send the Boone County Board a contract to consider for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 audit. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Rutten updated the Board regarding the Region IV, Inc./NorthStar Services committee meeting and Juvenile Services, Inc. committee meeting.
- Commissioner Temme update the Board regarding the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging committee meeting and the Boone County Health Center board meeting.
- The Board acknowledged a letter from Nebraska Department of Natural Resources in regard to the Kohtz City of Albion Dam inspection for 2020.

Vice Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk



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