



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS APRIL 27, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 27, 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 Larry Temme and Ben Rutten. Commissioner Alan Rasmussen joined the meeting by teleconference call/video conference at 9:15 A.M. The State of Nebraska, Office of the Governor, issued Executive Order Number 20-03 Coronavirus Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver, shall apply to all public governing body meetings that occur March 17, 2020 through May 31, 2020. 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 March 22, 2020 through April 21, 2020. The Board noted/questioned several hours of overtime for the pay period. The Board plans to visit with the respective department head(s). Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$101,691.31, BCBS \$50,379.42, Ameritas Ret \$7,024.95, EFTPS \$7,592.95, LTD Premiums \$4.54, Section 125 Fees \$10.00, Wellness Program \$125.60; Road \$64,471.61, BCBS \$31,578.68, Ameritas Ret \$4,351.83, EFTPS \$4,867.92; Ambulance \$2,027.64, Ameritas Ret \$68.65, EFTPS \$155.11; and Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Board Proceedings of April 20, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Sheriff's office employee. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept and approve the resignation of Cassidy Roberts effective May 5, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Dean M. Seamann, Trustee and Carol A. Seamann, Trustee, requested permission to trench an electrical cable under a county road commonly known as 200th Street running east and west between Sections 19 and 30, all in Township 21 North, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. The electrical cable commences from a utility pole located in the county road right-of-way of the SW1/4 of Section 19; running thence south to an existing stock well located in the NW1/4 of Section 30, all in Township 21 North, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2020-14, granting permission to Dean M. and Carol A. Seamann to trench an electrical cable under a county road known as 200th Street to the NW1/4 of Section 30, Township 21 North, Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, to an existing stock well. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, and Rutten. Nays: None. Absent: Rasmussen. Motion carried.

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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:

- No report has been received from Mid-State Engineering & Testing, Inc. in regard to the engineering study for the six pavement and subgrade pavement of County roadways proposed projects.
- To date no meeting has been set up with the Nebraska Department of Transportation at the site/location of the drainage issue off of State Highway 56 west of St. Edward.
- To date no letters have been sent to the landowners in regard to the prior discussion of the yearly re-occurring problems with the planting of crops in the county road right-of-ways, ditches and around the signage in county road right-of-ways.
- Commissioner Rutten informed the Board that the action taken in March to remove the beaver doing depredation of dam building didn't last long as the beaver is back. Rutten applied for depredation permit to remove the beaver dam built on the Bogus Creek two miles south of St. Edward on 357th Street.
- Commissioner Temme and Rutten noted that the road grader operators have been working some of the Minimum Maintenance Roads the past weeks and they are looking good.

The Board received approximately 150 signatures as a symbol of the importance to repair the Pilot Knob Bridge that was damaged in the 2019 flood. The Board forwarded the documents to the County Highway Superintendent for the Pilot Knob Bridge file. The flood damage was extensive to the bridge with two of the timber spans collapsing and significant loss of material. To date no decision has been made to either replace/repair the bridge or remove the structure completely. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme acknowledging that the Board received written documents with approximately 150 signatures of citizens that show interest in repairing/replacing of the Pilot Knob Bridge and the Board asked the County Highway Superintendent to contact an engineering firm for estimates to repair/replace the bridge structure and for estimates to remove the bridge structure completely. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

All County Officials and Department Heads must contact the County Board, as an agenda item, before buying, leasing or doing any major maintenance to equipment or furniture over \$800.00, per the January 2020 Board Reorganizational Meeting Proceedings. Kathy Thorberg, Boone County Clerk, presented quotes from Eakes Office Solutions and One Office Solution for purchase of either a Sharp MX-3071 or MX-3571 Color Copy Machine for the Board to review. The Clerk's office present copy machine is black/white and was purchased in 2017. The Clerk's office Dell color laser printer purchased in 2018 is not working correctly and is the second printer in five years. The Clerk's office is requesting to replace the black/white copy machine with a color copy machine and then will no longer need to replace the Dell color printer. The Clerk's office has some documents where color print is needed. The only difference between the features of the Sharp MX-3071 (30 pages per minute) and MX-3571 (35 pages per minute) is the pages per minute. The quotes received: One Office Solution: MX-3071 - \$4,420.00; MX-3571 - \$5,379.00; maintenance paid quarterly - \$.005 per black/white copy and \$.038 per color copy. Eakes Office Solutions: MX-3071 - \$4,090.00; MX-3571 - \$4,975.00; maintenance paid quarterly - \$.0049 per black/white copy; \$.034 per color copy and maintenance rate locked in for two years. One Office allowed \$600.00 trade-in; Eakes allowed \$800.00 trade-in for the 2017 B/W copy machine.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the County Clerk to purchase a new Sharp MX-3071 color copy machine from Eakes Office Solutions for \$4,090.00; a two year locked in maintenance rate of \$.0049 per black/white copy, \$.034 per color copy; and the maintenance fee paid quarterly as quoted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Board and Barb Hanson, Assessor, discussed the Notice of Hearing received from the Nebraska Tax and Equalization and Review Commission (TERC). Hanson explained that the level of value indicated on the transcript submitted for the Valuation Group 1 subclass of the residential class of real property (Albion) is 101.91% of actual or fair market value. The acceptable ratio range for the median of the assessment/sales ratio for said subclass is 92% to 100% of actual value or fair market value. Hanson explained the findings of the internal office error to the Board. TERC has recommended a downward adjustment in the amount of 6% for the land and improvement components of all parcels in the Valuation Group 1 subclass of the residential class of real property. Hanson plans to attend the hearing on April 28, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. by videoconference. Hanson said that her recommendation to TERC will be to reduce dwelling and outbuilding values by 6% and to maintain the current land values.

The Board discussed the need for the County to have a building/location to use for storage of surplus items and law enforcement impounded items. In addition, the only access key to said building/location would be in the possession of the Boone County Sheriff. The Board and Sheriff plan to visit with a Boone County Agricultural Society board member and look at some of the buildings located on the County fairgrounds property for possible County storage use.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten at 10:45 A.M. to continue the Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Boone County Fairgrounds and County crop ground location. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board; Chuck Rolf, Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. representative; and Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, met at the Boone County Fairgrounds site to discuss removal of the clay that was deposited/packed onto the County crop ground area during construction of the new fairgrounds building. Nathan Olson, Lessee, of the County crop ground area, was not available to join the Board meeting at the County crop ground site. Consensus of the Board is that the clay will be removed from the County crop ground site and used on the fairgrounds area to build up an access road and parking area for the new fairgrounds building.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Health Center – April 28, 2020; Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District – April 29, 2020.
- Commissioner Temme updated the Board regarding the Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. activities.

Vice Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk