



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS JUNE 24, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 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, Alan Rasmussen and Ben Rutten. The State of Nebraska, Office of the Governor, issued Executive Order Number 20-03 Coronavirus Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver, which was scheduled to end on May 31, 2020. Governor Pete Ricketts, issued Executive Order No. 20-24, continued limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act to remain in effect through June 30, 2020. The Executive Order allows governing bodies (Board of Commissioners) to meet by videoconference or by telephone conference. 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 the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of May 22, 2020 through June 21, 2020. The Board noted/questioned several hours of overtime for the pay period. The Board noted/questioned the differential jailer/dispatcher night shift pay. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to remove the \$.50 night shift pay for Payroll ID #75 until training is complete and pay the \$.50 night shift pay to Payroll ID #'s 76 and 78 for this pay period and Sub ID's during the training period for ID #75 and approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds with the changes: General \$99,988.20, BCBS \$49,577.04, Ameritas Ret \$6,924.46, EFTPS \$7,456.33, LTD Premiums \$4.54, Section 125 Fees \$10.00, Wellness Program \$109.90; Road \$61,569.42, BCBS \$31,578.68, Ameritas Ret \$4,155.94, EFTPS \$4,640.89; Ambulance \$4,804.92, Ameritas Ret \$103.60, EFTPS \$367.57; and Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Board Proceedings of June 15, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of June 15, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Ambulance Service is registered with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Every three years a renewal registration application needs to be completed and a non-refundable fee needs to be sent to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The requirements are under the Controlled Substances Act. The current registration expires July 31, 2020. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Renewal Application for Registration for \$731.00 registration fee for three years payable to the Drug Enforcement Administration for the Boone County Ambulance with a new expiration of July 31, 2023 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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On May 29, 2019 the Governor approved LB525, regarding the transfer of real estate ownership between governmental entities/political subdivisions that became effective on September 1, 2019. John Morgan, County Attorney, suggested that the Board may transfer said real estate to the Boone County Historical Society, Inc. pursuant to Nebraska State Statute §23-107.01(2). The county board shall print and publish in a legal county newspaper a notice stating the legal description and address of the real estate at least thirty days prior to the transfer. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to publish in the Albion News, a weekly newspaper on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, a Notice of Intent to Transfer Real Estate from the County of Boone, Nebraska to the Boone County Historical Society, Inc.; All of Lot One (1), Fairgrounds 1st Subdivision, located in part of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty (20) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, known as the Boone County Museum, Albion, Nebraska. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Sheriff's office employee. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to accept and approve the resignation of Mercedes Hemmingsen effective August 6, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denise Ziemba, Region 44 Emergency Manager, updated the Board in regard to Emergency Management activities. Ziemba informed the Board that she responded to two liquid fertilizer truck spill accidents the past week. Ziemba said that she is working on a grant for a new siren for a fire department in Nance County and has updated the Merrick and Nance Counties Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

On May 18, 2020 Ziemba presented a revised Interlocal Agreement for the Board to review. The Board had asked Ziemba to discuss the budget funding option with Nance and Merrick County Boards. The present Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services by and between the Counties of Boone, Nance and Merrick is effective through June 30, 2024. Ziemba informed the Board that no changes were made to the revised Interlocal Agreement that she presented on May 18, 2020. Revisions to the present Interlocal Agreement are: duration July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024; upon approval of the Supervisory Committee, funds remaining in the Emergency Management budget at the end of each budget year may be put in a sinking fund for Emergency Services and/or vehicle; transportation use and responsibility of a vehicle; and Region 44 Emergency Management Coordinator shall provide information reporting on this program to the Auditor of Public Accounts if requested. Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the revised Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services by and between the Counties of Boone, Nance and Merrick for the duration of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ross Davidson was unable to attend the Board meeting.

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:

- NRCS documents to be completed for FEMA project, Cedar Rapids Northwest Bridge 6(00715) on 150th Avenue south of State Highway 52.
- A hydraulic study will need to be completed first before repairing Bridge #00405, located on 110th Street, one-half mile west of 110th Avenue.
- Discussed several road/drainage issues: drainage on 300th Avenue south of State Highway 56; 180th Avenue south of State Highway 56; and a bridge located in SE1/4 of 17-20-6.



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The primary use of the Boone County Visitors Promotion Fund is to promote, encourage and attract visitors to come to the county through advertisement of the event. The Boone County Visitors Promotion Committee received a request for advertisement funding. The St. Edward Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Beaver Valley Days event scheduled for July 30, 31 and August 1, 2020. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement of the St. Edward Community Club Beaver Valley Days event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, presented a quote from Mike's Glass Services for the Board to review for wave motion activators for the courthouse north door entrance. The quote for the courthouse north door entrance is for two Stanley Magic Access Door Openers and four MS08 Wave Motion Activators to be installed on the current doors. No electrical work is included in the quote. The suggested change to have the doors automatically open is due to the Coronavirus. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to approve the quote for approximately \$5,130.00 from Mike's Glass Services of Columbus, Nebraska for the access door openers and wave motion activators installed and no electrical work is included in the quote. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, presented a quote from Rentokil/Presto-X for the Board to review for pest bird control for the courthouse north entrance/clock tower area. The quote for the courthouse north entrance/clock tower area is for the installation of a barrier of entry using a 1½" square mesh, UV stabilized, pre-stretched, polypropylene netting and installation of Bird Spikes attached to the top ledge of the clock tower. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the quote of approximately \$3,000.00 from Rentokil/Presto-X for Bird Netting and Bird Spikes installation for pest bird control for the courthouse north entrance/clock tower area. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

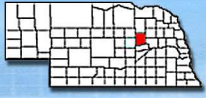
Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, presented jailer/dispatcher wage information for the Board to review. Johnson said that the jailer/dispatch position is just not receiving a pool of applicants to select from as it is hard to find people to work nights, weekends and holidays. The Board plans to review Johnson's information and further discuss the jailer/dispatcher wage proposal at a future Board meeting. In addition, Johnson updated the Board of law enforcement activity.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: East Central District Health – June 25, 2020.
- Rod Nelson, Maintenance, updated the Board in regard to possibly changing the generator from propane to natural gas for the County Communications Tower located at the fairgrounds; a tree that may need trimming or removed from the courthouse property; and that the clock in the courthouse clock tower is not working properly.
- Paper Tiger Shredding plans to be at the Boone County Courthouse on Friday, July 10, 2020 to shred documents for the various County offices.
- The State of Nebraska Auditor's office plans to audit County of Boone records beginning August 12, 2020.
- The month of June is National Safety Month and the Board acknowledged receiving a written message of appreciation from NIRMA for everything as everyone copes with the COVID-19.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,



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