



# Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 20, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 20, 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 Ben Rutten, Alan Rasmussen and Larry Temme. 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 Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Board Proceedings of July 13, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of July 13, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board met with the County Elected Officials/Department Heads to discuss preparation for the 2020-2021 budget. Chairman Rasmussen asked all present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board discussed budget preparation with the County Assessor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Treasurer, Veteran Service Officer, Courthouse Maintenance, County Court and UNL Extension. The Board would like to make some spending cuts where possible. Due to the infrastructure damage from the March 2019 storms the Board asked that there be none or very little increase for operating line codes from the prior year request. The infrastructure damage in 2019 to the County roads, bridges, etc. is not all repaired yet. The employee benefits, consumer price index of .6 percent and January cost of living wage increase for full time employees were discussed. The department heads received a copy of their respective employee's current hourly wage with the employer paid share figure of health insurance, retirement and social security to review. Motion made by Rutten, second by Rasmussen to approve a 38 cent per hour cost of living wage increase for full time employees for year 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Rasmussen and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and County Assessor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Treasurer, Veteran Service Officer, Courthouse Maintenance, County Court and UNL Extension discussed the idea of a courthouse telephone answering directory system. Some of the offices were okay with trying the answering directory while other offices do not want to be part of a directory system. Several questions such as operation of the fax lines, transfer calls, transferring the respective office phone line to an out of county office line for assistance, etc. The questions/concerns will be addressed at a future Board meeting.

The Boone County Ambulance Service submitted a July 2017 uncollectible ambulance account that the Board reviewed on April 16, 2018 and turned over to the County Attorney for further collection. Three years has lapsed since the date of the Ambulance Service and no payments were received from the patient or collected by the County Attorney on said County Ambulance Service account. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to write-off the July 2017 County Ambulance Service account in the amount of \$1,245.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Boone County Ambulance Service submitted the remaining balance of an October 2018 uncollectible ambulance account that the Board reviewed on August 19, 2019 and turned over to the County Attorney for further collection. The County Attorney returned the file to the Board to write-off said remaining account balance with no explanation as to why it was uncollectible. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to write-off the October 2018 County Ambulance Service account balance in the amount of \$262.75. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

On October 28, 2019 the Board approved Resolution No. 2019-41, appointing Stacey Ziemba, Boone County Highway Superintendent, to do a feasibility study in regard to possible vacation of a portion of a certain county road. The portion of a county road known as 320<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 10 and the Northwest corner of Section 11, all in Township 18 North, Range 5 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M, Boone County, Nebraska, running thence south one (1) mile. As of July 20, 2020 the Board has not received a written feasibility study to review for said mile of road. Ziemba informed the Board that a survey has been completed to establish the section quarter corners, the tubes in question were cleaned out by the County on February 28, 2020 to help with the water flow and Ziemba has not received any correspondence from the Core of Engineers.

On June 29, 2020 the Board, County Highway Superintendent, and Brian McDonald, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., reviewed bids for Bridge Project C-6(393), Bridge 6(11215), Petersburg East located on 150<sup>th</sup> Street east of 330<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Board accepted and recommend approval of the A & R Construction Co. of Plainview, NE bid for the Bridge Project C-6(393), Bridge 6(11215), Petersburg East for \$208,352.30, dependent upon full review of the construction cost bids by Brian McDonald, JEO Engineer.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement documents between Boone County, Nebraska and A & R Construction Co. of Plainview, NE for Bridge Project C-6(393), Bridge 6(11215), Petersburg East for \$208,352.30 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

On June 29, 2020 the Board, County Highway Superintendent, and Brian McDonald, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., reviewed bids for Bridge Project C-6(398), Bridge 6(23340), Raeville East located on 260<sup>th</sup> Avenue, ¼ mile North of 120<sup>th</sup> Street. The Board accepted and recommend approval of the A & R Construction Co. of Plainview, NE bid for the Bridge Project C-6(398), Bridge 6(23340), Raeville East for \$139,832.74, dependent upon full review of the construction cost bids by Brian McDonald, JEO Engineer.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreement documents for JEO Consulting Bridge Project No. 181199 between Boone County, Nebraska and A & R Construction Co. of Plainview, NE for Bridge Project C-6(398), Bridge 6(23340), Raeville East for \$139,832.74 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board; Rod Nelson, Maintenance; and Denny Johnson, Sheriff, discussed a building for the County to use for surplus storage and law enforcement impounded items on May 11 and 27, 2020. The Board has decided to use the round metal quonset building located at the Boone County Fairgrounds for storage of County surplus items and law enforcement impounded items. The only access key for said storage building will be in the possession of the Boone County Sheriff. The County is currently renting two storage units from Kayton International. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and forward a letter of termination for Lease Agreement-Storage Unit Number 33 and Lease Agreement-Storage Unit Number 31 to Kayton International, Inc. of Albion, Nebraska with an effective date of termination being August 31, 2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Stacey Ziemba, 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 final decisions made at this time:

- Ziemba informed the Board that water ran over the road on 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of State Highway 91 during the last rain. The portion of said road is the road that the County recently built up and hauled in material, put in ditches for Boone and Greeley County and the landowner to the east. There is a man-made dam that causes the water to run over the road.
- Brian McDonald, Engineer with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., is preparing plans and documents for several of the proposed road projects.
- McDonald met with the landowner that has drainage concerns with a bridge located in the SE1/4 of 17-20-6. The bridge in question appears to be a private bridge on private property. McDonald suggested that the Board have the County Attorney review State Statutes §31-221 thru §31-226.
- McDonald is preparing a hydraulic study for Bridge #00405, located on 110<sup>th</sup> Street, ½ mile west of 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

## Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Agricultural Society, Inc. – July 20, 2020; Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – July 23, 2020.
- Commissioner Rutten reported that the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services cancelled their scheduled July meeting.
- Commissioner Rasmussen updated the Board regarding the East-Central District Health Department committee meeting.
- Commissioner Temme updated the Board regarding the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging committee meeting.
- The Board acknowledge receiving information from Lancaster County Youth Services Center regarding possible interest in a detention services agreement. Boone County has a juvenile services agreement with Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc.
- The Board acknowledge receiving information from Loup Power District (LPD), in regard to their process of updating their Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 2:09 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,  
Boone County Clerk