



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 28, 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, Ben Rutten and Alan Rasmussen. 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 August 22, 2020 through September 21, 2020. The Board noted/questioned several hours of overtime for the pay period. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$94,868.55, BCBS \$47,729.32, Ameritas Ret \$6,589.68, EFTPS \$7,069.15, LTD Premiums \$2.27, Section 125 Fees \$10.00, Wellness Program \$96.00; Road \$61,072.26, BCBS \$31,578.68, Ameritas Ret \$4,122.38, EFTPS \$4,602.83; Ambulance \$3,121.00, Ameritas Ret \$70.57, EFTPS \$238.76; and Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rasmussen, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of September 21, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rasmussen, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to approve the County Board Zoning Public Hearing Proceedings of September 21, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 Development Company requested assistance to advertise the Holiday Extravaganza event scheduled for November 6-8, 2020. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the application requesting funding assistance for advertisement of the St. Edward Development Company Holiday Extravaganza event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The General Fund receives the real estate and personal property taxes with a designated amount transferred to the Road Fund on an as needed basis. The Boone County Treasurer is authorized to use all property tax collections, which would include real estate and motor vehicle taxes, to be in the transfer of funds. Motion made by Temme, second by Rasmussen to approve Resolution No. 2020-30, authorizing the Boone County Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) for the 2020-2021 Tax Year on an as needed basis not to exceed \$3,153,540.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rasmussen and Rutten. Nays: None. 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 with no action taken by the Board:

- Brian McDonald, engineer with JEO Consulting Group, Inc. is working on the replacement plan and estimated costs for the bridge known as Pilot Knob near Primrose. This bridge project has been extended with FEMA to March of 2021.
- Cedar Rapids Northwest Bridge project is nearing completion.
- Ziemba said that the County Road Department plans to remove the debris that was cleaned out of the culverts located in the SE1/4 of 10-18-5 and haul it out of that area.
- Ziemba informed the Board that the County Attorney sent a letter to the land owner regarding the installation of a driveway in a County Road right-of-way on 140th Avenue without permission.
- Ziemba said that the County Road Department plans to participate in the scrap tire collection in October that is sponsored by the City of Albion.

The Board received Change Order Number 2 to review for consideration for the Cedar Rapids Northwest Bridge Project (FEMA) located on 150th Avenue south of State Highway 52 in the amount of \$94,509.06. Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$28,000.00 was approved on September 14, 2020. The original project quote was \$352,821.48 from Theisen Construction, Inc. The increase is for additional material and additional work required due to bridge redesign. The 2019 flood damage that changed the Cedar River streamflow presented unforeseen circumstances for the bridge repair project. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the Change Order Number 2 of \$94,509.06 as submitted for the added labor and materials used for the construction of the bridge project bringing the project total amount to \$475,330.54. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

On September 14 and 21, 2020 the Board discussed the disposition of the County Road Sign Truck. The 2003 Ford F350 sign truck has several mechanical issues and possibly costly repairs. The Board discussed a sealed bid amount to submit to the Petersburg Fire Department for the 2008 Ford F550 Dually Truck that is advertised for sale. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to submit a sealed bid to the Petersburg Fire Department for the advertised 2008 Ford F550 Dually Truck for possible replacement of the County Road Sign Truck that has several mechanical issues. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten Temme and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Barb Hanson, Assessor, appeared before the Board regarding a Contractor/Lister Agreement between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Kevin Metz of Petersburg for pickup work in Albion. Hanson informed the Board that the State advised that the contracts be written to show the contracted individual as a Contractor/Lister. The term "Lister" was included inasmuch as a Contractor can assess values and Metz does not do assessment of values. Hanson informed the Board that there is an addition to the photo portion of the Pickup Work Wage categories. The Board recommended that Hanson and Metz each sign a Boone County Nepotism Policy Disclosure to be placed in the respective files. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Contractor/Lister Agreement between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Kevin Metz for the Albion pickup work from September 21, 2020 through October 30, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Rasmussen. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Public Comments:

- Randall Bruland submitted an informational letter to the Board for their review regarding new Rules and Regulations for Ambulance Standards. The County ordered a new 2020 County Ambulance on February 26, 2020 to replace the current 2016 County Ambulance unit. In February the estimate delivery date of the new ambulance unit was seven to nine months.
- John Morgan, County Attorney, updated the Board in regard to a fine that may be imposed when irrigation water continues to water County roads.
- The Board acknowledged receiving an informational pamphlet on propane safety.

Chairman Rasmussen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk