



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 16, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 16, 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. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News, Petersburg Press and St. Edward Advance on November 11, 2020 and the convened meeting was open to the public.

The agenda was posted on the Boone County website; posted on the information board located in the Courthouse north entrance; emailed to the Board of Commissioners; and emailed to the Elected Officials and department heads on Friday, November 13, 2020. Vice Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Vice Chairman Temme asked all present at the meeting for a moment of silence in memory of Alan Rasmussen, Boone County Commissioner District #2 and Chairman of the Board, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ben Rutten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee, opened the safety meeting at 9:03 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present for the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Ben Rutten and Larry Temme; Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance; Jacqueline Wells, Veteran Service Officer; and Kathy Thorberg, County Clerk. Rod Nelson, Courthouse Safety Coordinator presented the old and new business. Old business that was addressed/reviewed: (1) A Courthouse fire drill was held on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 8:15 A.M., all alarms, etc. worked and fire drill went well; (2) Electronic Systems, Inc. completed an annual inspection of the courthouse and law enforcement buildings fire alarm systems in October; (3) Johnson Controls of Omaha fixed the clock in the courthouse clock tower; (4) Nelson said that there is currently a good supply of masks, hand sanitizer and other disinfectant items on hand; and (5) Nelson said that there is ice melt on hand. New business that was addressed/reviewed: (1) Meininger Fire Protection, Inc. is scheduled for the annual courthouse fire sprinkler system inspection this week; (2) Rentokil/Presto X Bird Control Division plans to install the bird netting and bird spikes around the courthouse clock tower on November 18, 2020; (3) The last Work Comp incident reported by Boone County to NIRMA was December 2019; and (4) A county law enforcement vehicle received hail damage in August 2020. The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Ben Rutten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee at 9:21 A.M. The next quarterly Safety Meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the County Board Proceedings of November 9, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Jack Nordeen, County Weed Superintendent/Sign Technician.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Mary Ziemba, Zoning Administrator.



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On October 19, 2020 and prior Board meetings the County Highway Superintendent has said that the road department employees want documentation as to what may be reimbursed and what documents are required to submit in order to receive reimbursement for supplies, materials, recommended safety items, etc. The County Highway Superintendent informed the Board that the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts suggested the County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution setting policy and procedures regarding documentation required to support the reimbursement for amounts paid for expenses. The Boone County Employee Handbook addresses reimbursement protocol for Travel Time and Travel Expenses. On October 26, 2020 the Board approved Resolution No. 2020-34, adoption of policy and procedures for employee reimbursement for expenses. On November 9, 2020 the Board discussed revisions to the approved resolution for more clarification of the documentation needed for employee reimbursement expenses. The difference of the reimbursement documentation is if the reimbursed item expense is considered the Counties or a PPE item that would be considered the employees. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-39, shall void and take precedence over Resolution No. 2020-34 and any and all prior policies and agreements, written or verbal that pertained to reimbursement for employee expenses that are not addressed in the Boone County Employee Handbook and Safety Manual. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed amending a few of the appointments that were approved at their Board Reorganizational Meeting on January 6, 2020. Due to the unexpected passing of Board of Commissioners Chairman Alan Rasmussen on November 10, 2020, the Board needs to amend the chairman and vice chairman appointments.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to appoint Larry Temme as Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners for completion of the year 2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to appoint Ben Rutten as Vice Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners for completion of the year 2020. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Temme updated the Board in regard to the testimony he presented along with NACO on November 10, 2020, revenue hearing on LR415. LR415 (Clements) Interim study to examine the state inheritance tax, its current structure and recommendations on whether it should be amended, replaced, or repealed.
- Commissioner Temme updated the Board on the BCDA, Inc. meeting.
- The 2020 NACO Conference in person event scheduled for December 2020 in Kearney has been cancelled.
- NACO sent their condolences for the passing of Board of Commissioner Alan Rasmussen.
- Steve Rasmussen and C. Dean Schmid attended the Board meeting and inquired of the procedure and timeline to fill the Commissioner board member vacancy.

Vice Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 12:38 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk