



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 21, 2020 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 21, 2020 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Commissioners Larry Temme and Ben Rutten welcomed Jonathan W. Lindgren who was appointed to complete the term for County Commissioner, District No. 2.

Chairman Temme called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Larry Temme, Ben Rutten and Jon Lindgren. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News, Petersburg Press and St. Edward Advance on December 16, 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, December 18, 2020. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of December 14, 2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Abstain: Lindgren. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, submitted a written request for the Boone-Nance County Extension Board's member recommendation. The Boone-Nance County Extension Board has four representatives from each county. The board members may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The board meets quarterly, alternating the meetings between the counties. Ken Schriver of Albion has completed his second term and Jeri Wies of Petersburg has completed her first term. The Boone-Nance County Extension Board recommends the appointment of Lisa Carder of Albion and Doug Koch of Petersburg to serve their first three-year terms on the Boone-Nance County Extension Board beginning January 2021. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to appoint Lisa Carder of Albion and Doug Koch of Petersburg to serve their first three-year terms on the Boone-Nance County Extension Board beginning January 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County and Greeley County Board of Commissioners entered into their first County of Greeley/County of Boone, NE Interlocal Agreement for cooperative services to veterans in March of 2015. The cooperative agreement enables the Boone County Veteran Service Officer to also serve as the Greeley County Veteran Service Officer. The Boone County Veteran Service Officer spends approximately one day a week in Greeley County. The present Interlocal Agreement ends at the close of business on December 31, 2020. The Greeley County Attorney prepared a new Interlocal Agreement for the Board to review. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve an Interlocal Agreement for the year 2021 between County of Greeley and County of Boone for cooperative services to veterans as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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As provided by State Statute, Section 23-1302, the County Clerk shall certify to the County Treasurer as of June 15 and December 15 each year the total amount of unpaid claims of the county. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve and accept the Certification from the County Clerk to the County Treasurer as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wayne Choat requested permission to trench an electrical line across a county road commonly known as 330th Street running east and west between Sections 26 and 35, all in Township 19 North, Range 5 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. The electrical line commences from a power pole located in the road right-of-way on the South side of 330th Street in the E1/2NW1/4 of Section 35; thence trenching north across 330th Street to an existing irrigation well located in the SW1/4 of Section 26, all in Township 19 North, Range 5 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2020-45, granting permission to Wayne Choat to trench an electrical line across a county road known as 330th Street to the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 5 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska, to convert existing irrigation well to electric. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and Mary Ziemba, County Zoning Administrator, discussed Ziemba's request of possibly hiring an assistant for the zoning office. Ziemba prepared a lengthy document that outlined an administrative assistant duties and responsibilities to assist the zoning office and the paperwork for the road department/highway superintendent. The Board asked Ziemba if she thought 50% of her time was devoted to zoning and 50% to road department paperwork. Ziemba said it depends on each month's activity. The Board acknowledged the extra paperwork in 2019 and 2020 submitted to FEMA/NEMA due to the 2019 flood damages. The consensus of the Board to monitor the Zoning office workload the first few months of 2021, before deciding on the need of an additional employee.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, presented possible building structures for a new break room for the County Road District #1, Cedar Rapids shop building. The Board and County Highway Superintendent have held several discussions since October 2017 in regard to a different breakroom for the County Road District #1, Cedar Rapids shop building. The Board and Ziemba discussed the different custom designed buildings by Premier Portable Buildings of Norfolk, Nebraska. The structure designs discussed were in regard to size; style; set on concrete slab or treated rails; what side of building for windows and the door be placed; and attach to present shop building or walk outside from shop door to breakroom door. An estimated cost for a cabin style portable building, unfinished and no electrical hookup is approximately \$9,845.00. The Board had some questions and suggestions for Ziemba to discuss with Premier Portable Buildings before a decision is made.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed the pending litigation, Kaufmann Farm, LLC v. County of Boone, Nebraska, concerning a road issue. The size of culvert/tubes and headwall was discussed. Ziemba is to obtain more information for the Monday, December 28, 2020 Board meeting.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, informed the Board that she interviewed two applicants for the county road department advertised job position. Ziemba and the Board discussed the starting wage for new road employees. The present starting wage for new road employees is a range of \$14.00-\$15.00 per hour depending upon experience. In addition, the county pays the full family health NACO BCBS insurance premium; employee only dental premium; and retirement per state statute. When figuring an employee's actual hourly wage, the county share of insurance, retirement and social security is factored into the total. (Example based on 40 hour work week: \$14.50/hr. + Social Security \$1.08/hr. + Retirement \$0.96/hr. + employee/spouse health insurance \$10.66/hr. = total hourly wage of \$27.20/hr.)



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The Board directed Ziembra to offer the applicants \$14.50 per hour with said benefits and with a start date the first week of January 2021.

In addition, Ziembra informed the Board that there is still some issues with the John Deere motor grader that was recently repaired. The John Deere motor grader is not the next one on the inventory list to be replaced, but it has been repaired often the past year. Ziembra contacted CAT about possibility trading the John Deere for a new CAT. Ziembra has not received a quote from CAT to date.

Public Comments:

- Meetings: Boone County Health Center – December 22, 2020.
- Commissioner Rutten updated the Board regarding the Boone County Trails System meeting.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2020.

Kathy Thorberg,
Boone County Clerk