

# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS May 10, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:01 A.M. on Monday, May 10, 2021 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Temme called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Larry Temme, Jon Lindgren and Ben Rutten. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press on May 5, 2021 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, May 7, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$39,658.21; Road/Weed - \$185,053.71; Visitor Promotion Fund (0990) - \$500.00; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$497.03; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$458.57; and Ambulance - \$29,651.64. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

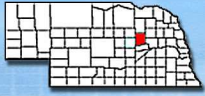
Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of April 26, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for April 2021:

- Clerk - \$21,632.00 (State of Nebraska \$13,225.13)(County of Boone \$8,406.87)
- District Court - \$601.80 (State of Nebraska \$42.00)(County of Boone \$559.80)
- Sheriff - \$756.18
- Planning & Zoning - \$211.25
- Veteran's Service Office reports: April 2020 through March 2021
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 18594-18677 - \$531,761.84
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$8,421,267.12

Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Andy Roberts, Valero Renewable Fuels; Denny Johnson, Boone County Sheriff; and Stacey Ziemba, Highway Superintendent were all present to discuss semi-trucks parking on the shoulder and sometimes in the ditch along a county road known as 260<sup>th</sup> Street by the Valero plant. This is occurring when the plant is not open during the night and could cause a potential hazard if their lights are not on when parked. Roberts offered to post signs, at Valero's expense, along their fence line. Johnson said that they could patrol the area and direct truck drivers on where they can park safely for the night and how to turn around to get back to the highway. Ziemba said they could also post "No Parking" signs in the ditch to discourage anyone from parking there. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to authorize Ziemba to purchase and post the "No Parking" signs as discussed. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Highway Superintendent advertised for sealed bids for a new dump truck. Four sealed bids were received from RDO Truck Centers, Norfolk, NE - \$156,269.44; Truck Center Companies, Norfolk, NE - \$173,484.00; and two from Cornhusker International Trucks, Norfolk, NE, 2022 - \$167,920.25 and 2021 - \$159,800.00. The bid from Cornhusker International Trucks for a 2022 model that was not in stock was eliminated due to the truck being needed as soon as possible. The Board reviewed the remaining bids and decided to proceed with the 2021 Mack Truck with 16 ½ foot bibeau box with extended warranty included from RDO Truck Centers. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept the RDO Truck Centers bid with extended warranty for approximately \$156,269.44. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a drafted Letter of Request for Extension to be submitted to the State Conservation Engineer's office in regard to one of the county's road projects. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Letter of Request for Extension. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., and Stacey Ziemba, Highway Superintendent were present to answer questions in regard to the Notice to Proceed and Agreements for the concrete overlay project. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed and Agreements needed for the concrete overlay project. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

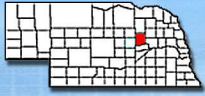
John Morgan, County Attorney; Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting, Inc.; Stacey Ziemba, Highway Superintendent and the Board discussed a proposed settlement agreement in regard to the Kaufmann Farm, LLC matter. Morgan and the Board were in agreement that the proposed agreement was acceptable and to go forward with the paperwork presented. The settlement payment will be taken out of the Inheritance Tax (2700) when everything is signed and filed. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the proposed settlement with the understanding that the culvert will be installed when available. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., asked the Board to approve authorization for the County Clerk to advertise for bids for the Primrose South EWP project when McDonald finalizes the bid specifications. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to authorize the Boone County Clerk to advertise for bids for the Primrose South EWP project, with/when the Invitation to Bid as/is prepared and submitted by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to authorize Stacey Ziemba, Highway Superintendent to obtain right-of-way for the Primrose South EWP project. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board regarding road equipment repair/replacement, road/bridge maintenance and projects. In addition, the following was discussed:

- Update on overall employee matters.
- The new maintainer is on schedule to be here by June.
- Millings for 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue, south of Cedar Rapids is still needed for approximately 300 yards of county road.



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All County Officials and Department Heads must contact the County Board, as an agenda item, before buying, leasing or doing any major maintenance to equipment or furniture over \$800.00 per the January 2021 Board Reorganizational Meeting Proceedings.

The Board reviewed a quote submitted from the Boone County Clerk's office for a new Dell Latitude 5520 Laptop from Applied Connective Technologies. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the County Clerk to purchase a new Dell Latitude 5520 Laptop from Applied Connective Technologies for approximately \$1,295.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren, and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A quote from Bear Graphic's was received from the County Clerk's office for 10 reams of recording paper at \$102.75 per ream and 5 recording binders at \$100.00 each. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the County Clerk to order 10 reams of recording paper and 5 recording binders from Bear Graphic's for approximately \$1,527.50. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

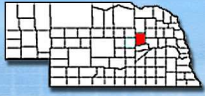
The Board reviewed a quote submitted from the County Sheriff's office for a new camera system from Digital Ally for a new sheriff department vehicle. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve and authorize the County Sheriff to purchase a new camera system for one of their vehicles from Digital Ally for approximately \$4,055.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Sheriff's employee. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept and approve the resignation of John Keck effective May 21, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kurt Kruse, Boone County Agricultural Education Center, Inc., and the Board discussed Resolution No. 2020-04 and the documentation requested to show the movement of the amount of funding specified in the resolution. Kruse provided the documentation for the Board to review. No action was taken at this time.

The Board received a quote from T & C Construction, LLC to replace the existing overhead door with a new one that also has a walk-in door on the quonset building the county is using for storage and impounded items. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the estimate from T & C Construction, LLC of Albion, Nebraska for approximately \$6,985.00 for a new overhead door with walk-in door on the quonset building being used by the county. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the information provided by NACO BCBS regarding the employee health/dental insurance. This year the overall increase to the NACO Health and Dental insurance pool with Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska will be 3.28% for health and 0% dental base rates for fiscal year 2021-2022. The sub-group application/coverage election form needs to be received at BCBS Nebraska no later than May 19, 2021. The County Clerk's office plans to distribute a copy of the premium rates with the employees' May payroll. The County of Boone pays all of the health insurance premiums and employee only dental premium. An employee has the option to pay dental coverage for their spouse/children. The NACO BCBS policy premium also includes Cobra administration by NACO, Long-Term Disability and a \$15,000.00 Life Insurance on the policyholder. Motion made by Rutten to table the authorization to sign until the meeting on May 17, 2021 and then after further discussion withdrew his motion. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve the NACO BCBS Medical PPO Health Plan with \$1,500.00 deductible and Dental PPO Plan (Premier Option 3) for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 and authorize Larry Temme, Board Chairman, to sign the 2021



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NACO Subgroup Application Coverage Election Form. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Weed Superintendent vacancy and inquired if any applications were received for the May 7, 2021 deadline. No applications were received for the Board to review. A lengthy discussion ensued which covered interlocal agreements between Boone County and a neighboring county, between Boone County and a local company or if the County should advertise again to see if anyone expresses any interest. The Board also discussed how to handle immediate concerns that may arise while trying to fill the Weed Superintendent position. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to advertise in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune, Petersburg Press and Cedar Rapids Press for two consecutive weeks with the applications being due by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, May 21, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rae Valley Market, LLC submitted an application for Special Designated License (SDL) for June 19, 2021. The Board reviewed the application for Special Designated License (SDL) for a wedding reception scheduled for Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Raeville Church Hall, R Road, Raeville, Nebraska. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the Application for Special Designated Liquor License request from Rae Valley Market, LLC for a wedding reception to be held at the Raeville Church Hall, Boone County, Nebraska on June 19, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Abstain: Temme. Motion carried.

## Public Comments:

- Commissioner Rutten and Clerk's office staff will be attending the NACO County Budget Workshop in Columbus, NE.
- Chuck Rolf, Boone County Ag Society clarified his previous request to the Roads Department and updated the Board about the old beef barn refurbishing process.
- Commissioner Rutten and Lindgren discussed an upcoming Region 44 Emergency Services meeting and when it will be.
- Brent Pribnow updated the board on weed concerns along certain county roads.
- Denny Johnson gave an update on dispatch numbers and brought concerns regarding the golf course speed limit.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 1:38 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,  
Boone County Clerk