

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS May 17, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, May 17, 2021 in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

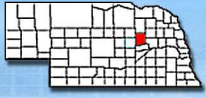
Chairman Temme called the meeting to order and Commissioners present for roll call were Ben Rutten, Jon Lindgren and Larry Temme. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press on May 12, 2021 and the convened meeting was 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 14, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Commissioner Ben Rutten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee, opened the safety meeting at 9:01 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present for the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Ben Rutten, Larry Temme and Jon Lindgren; Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance; Denny Johnson, County Sheriff; Jacqueline Wells, Veterans Service Officer; and Sarah Robinson, County Clerk. Rod Nelson, Courthouse Safety Coordinator presented the old and new business. Old business that was addressed/reviewed: (1) QHA Cleaning, LLC completed their deep clean as of March 20, 2021; (2) The tornado drill was conducted successfully on March 24, 2021; and (3) Nelson said that there is currently a good supply of hand sanitizer and other disinfectant items on hand and that more disposable masks need to be ordered as needed. New business that was addressed/reviewed: (1) Fire drill scheduled for May 21 at 8:15 A.M.; (2) Nelson said that he contacted BJ Electric for a quote on Exit sign batteries; (3) Johnson said that he would be scheduling a CPR class and would check into having it open to all County Employee's; (4) Clorox 360 machines and their cost/effectiveness were discussed, County Clerk to get additional information; and (5) As of March 31, 2020 Boone County has no open claims with NIRMA for Work Comp or Liability. The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Ben Rutten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee at 9:10 A.M. The next quarterly Safety Meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021.

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of May 10, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chuck Rolf, Boone County Ag Society, was present to discuss a request for assistance in purchasing clay for the refurbishing of the former small livestock barn at the fairgrounds that is being used as overflow stalls when there are events at the Boone County Agricultural Education Center. The Board discussed if the yellow clay contained in the hill south of the Center would suffice or if it would be more cost effective to order from a vendor. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to pay the first \$1,000.00 in procuring the clay from Bygland Dirt Contracting, Inc with the understanding that the Ag Society will be responsible for any additional costs and placement of the clay once delivered to the former small livestock barn. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Boone County Ag Society submitted an application for Special Designated License (SDL) for July 10 and 12-14, 2021. The Board reviewed the application for Special Designated License (SDL) for the Boone County Fair scheduled for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on July 10, 12, 13 and 14, 2021 at the Boone County Fairgrounds, 2616 Fairgrounds Road, Albion, Nebraska. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the Application for Special Designated Liquor License request from the Boone County Ag Society for the Boone County Fair to be held at the Boone County Fairgrounds, Albion, Boone County, Nebraska on July 10 and 12-14, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Treasurer requested authorization from the Boone County Board of Commissioners to set up a separate bank account for the Limited Tax County Road Bonds, Series 2019 (Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds) in October of 2019. The account received said bond proceeds as revenue for road/bridge infrastructure repair due to the adverse weather conditions of 2019. The third interest payment is due June 15, 2021. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and authorize Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, to pay the third bond interest payment of \$37,873.75 for the Limited Tax County Road Bonds, Series 2019 prior to June 15, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a general status inquiry from A & R Construction Co. regarding the Petersburg East/Raeville East project. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the general status inquiry from A & R Construction Co. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. 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 Petersburg Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Carnival Days event scheduled for June 22-23, 2021. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the Petersburg Community Club for advertisement of Carnival Days from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Weed Superintendent vacancy and how to handle immediate weed issues until the vacancy is filled. One commissioner has a Right-of-Way license and offered to handle any issue covered by his license and only if immediate control is required. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to approve the temporary agreement between the County of Boone and Jon Lindgren for imminent weed control issues until the vacancy is filled for \$20.00 an hour to be paid out by vendor claim submission. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Abstain: Lindgren. Motion carried.

The Board discussed rescinding Resolution No. 2020-04 dated February 26, 2020 regarding the approved transferring of funds by the Boone County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. The Board reviewed the requested and received documentation to show the transfer of funds between the Boone County Agricultural Education Center Inc.'s Bond Payment account and Building Improvement Account. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to rescind Resolution No. 2020-04. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk's office deputy position has been vacant since former Clerk Thorberg's retirement. The County Clerk and the Board discussed who would be filling that position and when it would be effective. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the appointment of Lorrie Nicklasson at her current



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rate of pay, effective May 22, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Great Plains Communications, LLC requested permission to plow fiber optic cable along 325th Avenue, 350th Street, 357th Street and 360th Street located in Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 all in Township 18 North, all in Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Due to multiple locations within Township 18 North, Range 8 the complete legal descriptions will be retained in the County Clerk's office if inspection by the public is needed. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2021-18, granting permission to Great Plains Communications, LLC to plow fiber optic cable along 325th Avenue, 350th Street, 357th Street and 360th Street located in Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 all in Township 18 North, all in Range 8 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

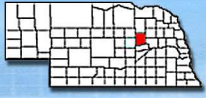
Great Plains Communications, LLC requested permission to plow fiber optic cable along various locations located in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30 all in Township 19 North, all in Range 5 West of the 6th P.M, Boone County, Nebraska. Due to multiple locations within Township 19 North, Range 5 the complete legal descriptions will be retained in the County Clerk's office if inspection by the public is needed. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-19, granting permission to Great Plains Communications, LLC to plow fiber optic cable along various locations located in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30 all in Township 19 North, all in Range 5 West of the 6th P.M, Boone County, Nebraska as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan Stankoski, County Road Foreman, presented three quotes from Ed Hoevet Excavating, Ord, NE for maintenance on the wings of three box culverts. One estimate for a box culvert is of immediate need of maintenance in the Akron area. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the Akron repair by Ed Hoevet Excavating, Ord, NE for approximately \$7,600.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The other two estimates from Ed Hoevet Excavating will be tabled until May 26, 2021 to give time to the Road Foreman to obtain an additional quote to compare pricing.

Tanya Sharp, Boone County Health Center, was present to discuss the suggested Ambulance rate changes to be effective July 1, 2021. The procedure to get this changed was discussed as well as changes to the contract in regard to Personnel Contacts for the County. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the suggested rates as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Keith Marvin, Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc and Mary Ziemba, Zoning Administrator, were present to discuss the Boone County Comprehensive Plan update. Marvin presented two contracts for the Board to review. Discussion in regard to payment, term of contract and reimbursement to the County from two villages for paying the upfront contract fee took place. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the contract with Marvin Planning Consultants, Inc. to be completed by January 2023 for approximately \$43,400.00 to update the Boone County Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Public Comments:

- Dan Stankoski, Road Foreman gave updates on:
 - Baum Bridge on 110th Street.
 - Status of millings for 170th Avenue, south of Cedar Rapids for approximately 300 yards.
 - Potholes on Cedar Rapid's cemetery road need filled.
- Commissioner Rutten and Lindgren discussed an upcoming Region 44 Emergency Services meeting and when it will be.
- Commissioner Lindgren and Temme discussed attendance for the Region 4 Behavioral Health System, East-Central Health District and Northeast Nebraska Area on Aging.
- Jane Klassen went over questions and concerns regarding NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 12:22 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk