



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING JULY 15, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, held a special public meeting at 5:31 P.M. on Thursday, July 15, 2021, in the Dining Hall of the Event Center, 2426 Fairgrounds Road, Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Temme called the meeting to order and present for roll call were Commissioners Jon Lindgren, Larry Temme, and Ben Rutten; along with approximately 30 county employees. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press on July 7, 2021 and the convened meeting was open to the public. The agenda was posted on the Boone County website and posted on the information board located in the Courthouse north entrance on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Commissioner Temme opened the meeting with an overview of the budget using the forms submitted for last years' budget as a guide. There were packets that included these budget forms with other inserts to show the increased County's responsibility when it came to the benefits that are currently offered. Commissioner Temme also had a statewide sheet for the years 2016 and 2019 to compare Boone County against other counties of similar size in regard to their population, taxable value and tax rate. As of right now Boone County's tax rate is on the lower side compared to other counties. It was noted that the prediction for this year's valuation is to go down again. This will lower the amount of tax dollars the County can use toward various obligations, wages and benefits.

The Commissioners then opened the floor for comments, questions or concerns of those in attendance. Several employees had several questions about the insurance, vacation hours, and benefits as a whole. Some questioned the monthly allotment of vacation hours for offices/positions that have a work shift longer than the traditional 8 hour shift. Another questioned the process of reimbursements that are paid to the county through Interlocal Agreements and how they factor into the budget. Overall, there was a lot of open discussion with all present to voice their opinions directly to the Commissioners. Many expressed that they would attend another meeting if one was scheduled in the future.

The Commissioners informed all present that no guarantees are given at this time. They will keep everything discussed at this meeting in mind when they have their budget meetings after reviewing the budgets submitted by the offices and the County's valuation change. No action taken at this time.

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 Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Letter of Request for Extension. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 19, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk