



# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING AUGUST 5, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, held a special public meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 5, 2021, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Temme called the meeting to order and present for roll call were Commissioners Larry Temme, Jon Lindgren, and Ben Rutten; and Rick Martinsen, CPA. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press on July 28, 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 Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

The Board met with the County Elected Officials/Department Heads to discuss preparation for the 2021-2022 budget. The Board discussed budget preparation with the County Assessor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Treasurer, Veteran Service Officer, Courthouse Maintenance, and UNL Extension. The Board discussed a wage increase for all employee's outside of elected officials. No major changes were made to any office budget at this time.

Andy Forney, D.A. Davidson, was present to discuss the bonds the County currently has. One of them, the Limited Tax County Road Bonds, Series 2019, has a redemption date of November 21, 2021. Forney and the Board discussed that it was the understanding that FEMA funds would be received by the county after the completion of projects to fix damage done during the 2019 flood. No FEMA funds have been received to date for the projects set aside for 2019 flood damage. With that in mind, the Board and Forney further discussed the possibility of refinancing at a lower interest rate. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to allow D.A. Davidson to move forward with the process of refinancing the Limited Tax County Road Bonds, Series 2019. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to authorize the Chairman to sign an Underwriting Engagement and Disclosure Letter for D.A. Davidson. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Assessor, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Treasurer, Veteran Service Officer, Courthouse Maintenance, Zoning Administrator and Sheriff were present to discuss the Salary Schedule, Exhibit 3.0, with the Board. After reviewing the preliminary budget the Commissioners felt comfortable with increasing the base wage of every employee, not including Elected Officials, by \$1.00 in addition to the 38 cent per hour cost of living wage increase previously approved on June 28, 2021, all effective for the January 2022 payroll. Discussion was had between the Department Heads and the Board about advertising and Deputy pay. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve raising any employee's pay that is under the base wage of the current Salary Schedule, adopted in December 2019; and then to increase the current Salary Schedule's base wage by \$1.00 for all departments/employees, not including Elected Officials, to be effective for the January 2022 payroll. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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With discussion of a percentage change for all newly appointed Deputies being discussed and to be decided at the August 16, 2021 meeting, a request was made to reinstate the Deputy County Clerk's pay to what it was prior to March 2021. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and reinstate the Deputy County Clerk's hourly wage to what it was for the January 2021 payroll. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## Public Comments:

- John Morgan, County Attorney, updated the Board on a road ditch issue around the St. Edward area.
- Barb Hanson, County Assessor, updated the Board about details regarding the Enfield Cemetery.
- The County Clerk's office completed a Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems audit and on July 27, 2021 the results of "No findings or recommendations" was received.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 12:59 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday August 9, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,  
Boone County Clerk