



# Boone County Board Minutes



## **PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS 2021-2022 COUNTY BUDGET**

Larry Temme, Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners, called for a motion to open a public hearing on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 8:31 A.M. in the Boone County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room in Albion, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Temme, second by Commissioner Lindgren to open said public hearing. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune on August 18, 2021 and the convened hearing was open to the public.

Commissioners present for said public hearing were Larry Temme, Jon Lindgren and Ben Rutten. Chairman Temme read the notice for the record. Richard Martinsen, CPA, for Schmeits, Mueller & Martinsen, P.C., was present to answer budget questions. Six members of the public were present and Jim Dickerson, Albion News, arrived later for the budget hearing. Chairman Temme noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

The public hearing was for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2021-2022 Boone County proposed budget in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513. The hearing was over the proposed budget that was published in the Wednesday, August 18, 2021 issue of the Albion News and Boone County Tribune, Albion, Nebraska.

Richard Martinsen, CPA, for Schmeits, Mueller & Martinsen, P.C., prepared the budget documents for fiscal year 2021-2022. The County Board and those present for the hearing discussed with Martinsen the differences from last year's fiscal budget. Martinsen provided answers to questions asked with regard to the proposed budget and publication. The proposed property tax request for 2021-2022 is \$3,903,659.00, which is different from the 2020-2021 property tax request of \$4,432,628.00, being a decrease of \$528,969.00 from prior fiscal year. The 2021-2022 total budget is \$99,102,786.00 which is an increase of \$68,841,475.00 from 2020-2021 total budget of \$30,261,311.00. This is due to including the Boone County Health Center's budget to be compliant with the opinion of the Attorney General and State Statute. The unused budget authority would be \$661,537.06.

The six members of the public were present to confirm the continuation of a previously approved road project in the Petersburg area. The Commissioners confirmed that those plans had not changed and that they hoped the discussed project would be completed this fiscal year.

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to close said public hearing at 9:25 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sarah Robinson,  
Boone County Clerk