

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 26, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

Upon the adjournment of the preceding budget and tax request hearings, which began at 8:30 A.M. and continued until all testimony was concluded, the Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, August 26, 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 August 18, 2021, and the convened meeting was open to the public. All who were present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 Tuesday, August 24, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

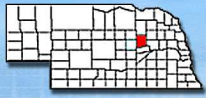
The 2021-2022 County Budget and Property Tax Request Hearings were held at 8:31 and 9:26 A.M. on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve and adopt the 2021-2022 County Budget that was published and presented in the August 18, 2021 issue of Albion News and Boone County Tribune, with an unused budget of \$661,537.06. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Governing Body of the County of Boone by a Board majority approval may exceed the 2.5% lid limitation on restricted funds by an additional 1% budget authority growth. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve exceeding the 2.5% lid limitation on restricted funds by an additional 1% budget authority growth for fiscal year 2021-2022. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Budget Act (State Statute Section 23-904) requires a budget message to be completed by the budget making authority outlining the fiscal policy for the budget period. The budget message must include a list of all cash amounts being held by officials that do not appear in the County Treasurer's Office six-month balance reports. The Board has approved and authorized accounts within County Offices to receive and disburse fees, etc. Some of the accounts balance to zero and some accounts have a beginning balance. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-29, authorizing the accounts within County Offices as stated in the resolution. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Boone County can pass by majority vote, a resolution setting the property tax request at a different amount. The Governing Body of Boone County resolves that: the 2021-2022 property tax request be set at \$3,903,659.00, which is different from the 2020-2021 property tax request of \$4,432,628.00; and the 2021 county tax rate is at 0.170066, which is different from the 2020 tax rate of 0.192076. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-30 to adopt and approve the County Budget for 2021-2022 as published and presented with the above property tax requests. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of July 22, 2021 through August 21, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$98,931.51; BCBS \$50,234.31; Ameritas Ret \$6,749.97; EFTPS \$7,340.90;



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LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$17.50; Wellness Program \$115.50; Road \$64,079.68; BCBS \$27,884.13; Ameritas Ret \$4,325.37; EFTPS \$4,813.16; Ambulance \$4,392.32; Ameritas Ret \$104.28; EFTPS \$336.02; Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to set a Board of Equalization meeting to be held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 8:30 A.M. to set the 2021 tax year levies. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of August 16, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Zoning Public Hearing Proceedings of August 16, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the Board of Equalization Public Meeting Proceedings of August 16, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Salary Schedule, “Exhibit 3.0”, has been going on since July 2021. The Deputy percentage and whether it should be a set amount or continue on with a longevity schedule; and the hourly wage changes called for the schedule to be updated. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the Salary Schedule as presented to reflect the \$1.00/hour base wage increase and a set percentage for newly appointed Deputies retroactively effective August 16, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

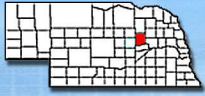
Semitrucks parking along 260th Street by Cargill and Valero have raised safety concerns with harvest coming up. JEO Consulting Group, Inc submitted a No Parking Sign Study and a proposed Resolution for the Board to review. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2021-31 as presented for No Parking from 4:00 P.M. – 4:00 A.M. along 260th Street for 2,200 feet. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, presented the following items for her general report:

- A request received from the City of St. Edward.
- Surplus items and what the next steps are for disposal.
- Projects C6-359-130th Street Culvert and C6-404 – Baum’s Bridge update.
- Weed and pivot issues and how to handle them.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to accept and approve the County Highway Superintendent’s general report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Michelle Olson, BCDA, Inc. Executive Director, appeared before the Board regarding the Membership Agreement and Disbursement Agreement for fiscal year 2021-2022. Olson presented and reviewed a 2020-



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2021 BCDA RECAP report with the Board. Olson highlighted the areas of Business/Community Contributions, future grant opportunities, energizing entrepreneurs program, and a promotional campaign for the county. The County of Boone, Nebraska financial contribution to BCDA, Inc. for 2021-2022 would be \$117,000.00 which is an increase from last year's contribution of \$109,000.00. The total BCDA, Inc. 2021-2022 budget request is \$169,600.00.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Membership Agreement for fiscal year 2021-2022 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the Disbursement Agreement for fiscal year 2021-2022 committing a sum of \$117,000.00 payable to BCDA, Inc. from the County Inheritance Tax Fund payable in two payments as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

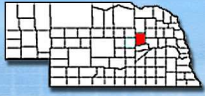
Chuck Rolf and Bill Robinson, Boone County Agricultural Educational Center, Inc., were present to update the Board on activities and events that will be happening at the Agricultural Building. Jeryl Kettelson, not present, and Rolf prepared a profit and loss report for the Board to review as well. The Board thanked Rolf and Robinson for the update on the upcoming activities and events. No action taken.

Jon Cannon and Elaine Menzel, NACO, were present by videoconference to update the County on upcoming meetings, legislative updates and to answer general ARPA questions. Barb Hanson, County Assessor and Jacqueline Wells, County Veterans Service Office were present for the videoconference as well. For the ARPA funds the county has to submit an Interim Report by August 31, 2021 and Cannon/Menzel were able to answer general questions as well as point out helpful resources to review. The Board thanked them for taking the time to visit with the County. No action taken.

The Board discussed possible uses for the ARPA funds after getting some feedback from Cannon and Menzel. The Board didn't come to any decisions but are going to look further into some ideas discussed. No action taken.

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 Highway Superintendent's office for a new Dell Optiplex 3080 Desktop from Applied Connective Technologies. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the County Highway Superintendent to purchase a new Dell Optiplex 3080 Desktop from Applied Connective Technologies for approximately \$905.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren, and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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At the August 16, 2021 meeting the Board approved a motor grader for District #1 from NMC Exchange, LLC. Stacey Ziembra, County Highway Superintendent, presented an updated quote that included the trade-in value. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to authorize the Chairman to sign the updated sourcwell contract for approximately \$264,880.00 from NMC Exchange, LLC. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Commissioners have been contacted by concerned citizens regarding the 30 X 30 Land Preservation issue. The Board discussed their concerns and the opinions they have received while reviewing the proposed Resolution No. 2021-32. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve Resolution No. 2021-32 opposing the 30 X 30 Land Preservation Goal. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pursuant to State Statute Section 23-347, within two calendar months after the close of each fiscal year, each county officer shall make, acknowledge under oath, and file with the County Board, of his or her county, an inventory statement of all county personal property in the custody and possession of said county officer. The County Board in each county shall examine into each inventory statement so filed, and, if said statement is correct and proper in every particular, the County Board shall deliver each of said inventory statements to the clerk of the county for filing as a public record in said county clerk's office in a manner convenient for reference. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Offices' 2020-2021 Inventories of county personal and real estate property as presented from the various offices and file the submitted inventories with the County Clerk's office as a public record in a manner convenient for reference. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ross Davidson could not attend the meeting as planned and the issue he wanted to discuss will be rescheduled for a later meeting.

Public Comments:

- The County Highway Superintendent updated the Board regarding the tractor rental rates and at this time no tractor rental rates are available to compare.
- Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., gave an update on 240th Street and 190th Avenue on a silt erosion issue.
- The County Sheriff updated the Board on a Conditional Use Permit application issue.
- Commissioner Temme updated the Board regarding the Boone County Ag Society meeting that took place on August 23, 2021.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 1:38 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk