



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:12 A.M. on Monday, September 13, 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 September 8, 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, September 9, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Randall Bruland, County Ambulance Administrator, was present for clarification on classifications listed on Resolution No. 2021-20 that was approved in May 2021. The Board and Bruland discussed the current payroll policy and the different duties required of each classification. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to keep the current pay rates as is and to approve any medical personnel that is driving the County Ambulance to be paid at the rate provided for Emergency Medical Technicians/Drivers. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jeff Jarecki, Jarecki Lay & Sharp PC, LLO, reported that the cases assigned to the Public Defender in 2012 through 2019 are all completed. Jarecki updated the Board in regard to Public Defender assigned cases: 2020 – 35 cases with 28 closed, 4 conflicts and 3 open and 2021 to date – 16 cases with 9 closed, 0 conflicts and 7 open. Jarecki explained to the Board that some juvenile cases take a long time to complete and that some individuals may have more than one case. Juvenile cases may remain open until the court case is resolved or the age of nineteen. The Board thanked Jarecki for the updated report and their diligent services. Jarecki thanked the Board and is very appreciative of the contract for public defender services. Jarecki also wanted the Board to know that at the end of the current contract that the firm would not be pursuing renewing it. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to accept the Boone County Public Defender report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$47,809.93; Road - \$195,979.58; Visitors Promotion Fund - \$1,000.00; Inheritance Tax Fund (2700) - \$58,500.00; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$521.60; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$432.74; and Ambulance - \$4,645.93. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for August 2021:

- Clerk - \$14,004.25 (State of Nebraska \$8,555.99)(County of Boone \$5,448.26)
- District Court - \$161.21 (State of Nebraska \$40.00)(County of Boone \$98.21)
- Sheriff - \$892.50
- Planning & Zoning - \$389.50
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 18873 – 18931 - \$305,970.55
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$5,660,158.91

Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, Inc; Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent; and the Board opened one sealed bid for the Primrose North, Project 190781.00 received by the County Clerk's office by 10:00 A.M. on September 13, 2021. It was as follows:

Bidder:

Husker Engineering Inc.

Amount:

\$72,000.00

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to award the bid to Husker Engineering Inc., pending a review of the numbers. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

McDonald asked the Board to approve authorization for the County Clerk to advertise for bids for the Petersburg East, 130th Street Culvert project. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to authorize the Boone County Clerk to advertise for bids for the Petersburg East, 130th Street Culvert project as prepared by JEO Consulting Group, Inc. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

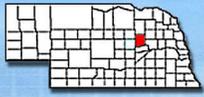
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Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board 2021-2022 Budget Hearing Proceedings of August 26, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the County Board 2021-2022 Property Tax Request Hearing Proceedings of August 26, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of August 26, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Suzanne Kibbe, Quick Med Claims; Tanya Sharp and Cindy Lesiak, Boone County Health Center; and the Board had their quarterly Zoom meeting to review the total ambulance run information from March to August 2021 to show received and lost revenue. The Board reviewed the presented information and were pleased that they would be able to review the information for a better understanding on when a write off is needed. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the quarterly report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Board reviewed two written resignations from full-time County Sheriff’s Office employees. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to accept and approve the resignations of Maddison Young effective September 10, 2021 and Andrea Buechter effective September 21, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

With the Commissioners approving the resignation of a County Sheriff’s Office employee effective on September 10, 2021 the County is required by statute to process their payroll in a timely manner, even if it means doing it out of a payroll cycle. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the payroll claim filed for payment on the General Fund for a net amount of \$1,711.28 with the withholding amounts being included in the above approved Accounts Payable Vendor Claims as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the disposition of several county owned vehicle and property that is seldom used. They are as follows:

- 2003 Ford F-350, Super Duty
- 1991 Mack CH613 Truck-Tractor
- 1991 Cornhusker Pup 14’ Rock Bed
- 2 Truck Bed Trailers

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to advertise for sale the above listed items in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune for two weeks and accept sealed bids until 4:00 P.M. on Friday, October 8, 2021 with sealed bids opened at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, October 12, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent presented the following topics in her general report:

- Update on using Torch product for deicing can be used as a solution to dust control on county roads.
- Knob Bridge project update.
- Will start getting quotes for replacement pickups for District #2 road shop.
- The Tommy Lift could not be moved from the old sign truck to another pickup.
- Driveway installation update on 140th Avenue.
- Update on process for notices to landowners regarding mowing ditches.

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

The Board received three sealed bids for the advertised 1993 GMC Sierra 4X4 Pickup County Pickup. The Board accepted sealed bids through September 10, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. The Board reserved the right to reject any and all proposals received. The following bids were received:

Submission by:	Received on:	Amount:
Dennis Krohn	September 9, 2021	\$1,025.00
Justin Klug	September 9, 2021	\$750.00
Tyler Iburg	September 7, 2021	\$350.00

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to accept the sealed bid of Dennis Krohn for the 1993 GMC Sierra 4X4 Pickup County Pickup and credit the revenue to the County Road Fund. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, presented the Board with a proposed maintenance agreement for the overhead doors at the road shops through Overhead Door Company of Columbus. Discussion between Ziemba and the Board took place on the frequency needed for the contract. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to authorize the Chairman to sign the maintenance agreement with Overhead Door Company of Columbus for approximately \$990.00 on a semiannual basis. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Online security has been a top topic of discussion for Counties statewide. The courthouse's email domain has already been migrated over to a more secure .gov domain and it was suggested by the Secretary of State's office to also move the County's website at this time. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve the migration of the County's website, maintained by MIPS, to the County's .gov domain with help from Applied Connective Technologies, LLC. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Per guidance from Jon Cannon and Elaine Menzel, NACO, the Board discussed moving the American Rescue Plan Act funds from a non-interest bearing account to an interest bearing account. Before the interest would have had to be paid back to the Federal Government, but has since been made to be paid to the County's general fund. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to authorize the County Treasurer to set up an interest bearing account to move the American Rescue Plan Act funds to from the already existing non-interest bearing account. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A manager application was received from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for the Albion Country Club, Inc for the Board to review. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the Albion Country Club, Inc's manager application for Scott C Thornton as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Jim Webster, Albion, raised the Board's awareness to the culvert and water issues on Highland.
- Randall Bruland updated the Board on the need for a new cot and contract through Stryker for the County Ambulance.
- Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, Inc updated the Board on current road projects and start dates.
- Commissioner Temme went over road and driveway inquires for private property.
- Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, gave an update on 330th Avenue road issue and voiced the possibility of the County needing to adopt a revised drug policy.
- John Buck, Chief Deputy, updated the board on the current inmate medical needs and expenses.
- Commissioner Lindgren will be attending the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging meeting.
- Commissioner Rutten will be attending the Region IV / NorthStar Services meeting and the Northeast District Workshop.
- Commissioner Temme will be attending the BCDA, Inc; Central Nebraska Joint Housing Authority and the Boone County Ag Society meetings.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 1:19 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 20, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk