

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 20, 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 Ben Rutten, Jon Lindgren and Larry Temme. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press on September 15, 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 17, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of September 13, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

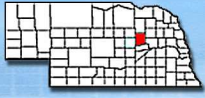
Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of September 13, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve the County Zoning Public Hearing Proceedings of September 13, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Clerk's Office employee. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to accept and approve the resignation of Cheryl Young effective September 28, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, submitted a request for approval to pay the fifth bond interest payment and the third bond principal payment for the new fairgrounds building Limited Tax County Building Bonds, Series 2018. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the County Treasurer to pay the bond interest of \$23,807.50 and bond principal payment of \$170,000.00 to Chase NYC for the Limited Tax County Building Bonds, Series 2018. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

On August 16, 2021 the Board approved a resolution authorizing the refinancing of the Limited Tax County Road Bonds, Series 2019, (Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds) of the County of Boone, Nebraska for the purpose of interest cost savings. The principal payment of \$690,000.00 and bond interest payment of \$35,436.42 will be paid early to lower the amount being refinanced. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-33, authorizing the Boone County Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$725,436.42 from the Road Fund (0200) to the Highway Allocation Bond Repay Fund (3700) as stated in said resolution. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The primary use of the Boone County Visitors Promotion Fund is to promote, encourage and attract visitors to come to the county through advertisement of the event. The Boone County Visitors Promotion Committee received one request for advertisement funding. The St. Edward Development Company requested assistance to advertise the Holiday Extravaganza event scheduled for November 4, 5 and 6, 2021. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the St. Edward Development Company for the Holiday Extravaganza event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A list of possible uses for the American Rescue Plan Act funds that have been talked about or submitted to the County Clerk's office was prepared for the Board to review. NACO has acquired the services of Lutz & Company, PC to help counties with guidance on viable uses and drafting the paperwork if necessary. The Board organized the proposed list from highest priority to lowest. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to submit the proposed list in order of priority to Lutz & Company for any feedback and guidance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

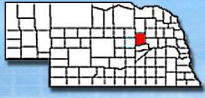
The county has two vehicles for employee use. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the windshield(s) needed crack repair or replacement. The van had already been repaired, but the pickup still required work to be done. Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, got two quotes from county shops. One was for repair and one was for replacement. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the quote from Paulson Autobody for approximately \$266.64 to replace the County's Pickup windshield. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tina Landauer was not able to attend the meeting, but Leon Magsamen was present to answer any questions for the Board.

Magsamen and Jacqueline Wells, Boone County Veteran Service Officer, asked the Board for permission to use the Courthouse/Courtroom for the 2021-2022 Oratorical Contest for the American Legion's District #5. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to authorize the American Legion and Wells to use the Courthouse/Courtroom for their 2021-2022 Oratorical Contest on December 4, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Magsamen and Wells updated the Board regarding the 2021-2022 County Government Day. Right now, they are expecting participation from Boone Central, Riverside, St. Edward, Humphrey and Lindsey Public Schools. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve having the 2021-2022 County Government Day on October 27, with an alternate date of November 10. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Andy Devine, Albion City Administrator, submitted an Interlocal Agreement for the Board to review between the County of Boone and City of Albion. The City of Albion requires a Street Superintendent and desires the Street Superintendent to be licensed with the State of Nebraska. Stacey L. Ziemba is a Class B Licensed County Highway Superintendent, a licensed Street Superintendent and a full time employee for the County of Boone. The County Highway Superintendent is a full time salaried employee of Boone County and City of Albion desires to remit payment directly to Boone County on a monthly basis for each month of this agreement. All parties on an annual basis shall review the Interlocal Agreement. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Chairman to sign Resolution No. 2021-34 an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Boone and City of Albion for licensed Highway and Street Superintendent services in effect for one year commencing on January 1, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Bob Sandman, County Weed Superintendent, was present to discuss the Board's idea about extending his employment term to October 21st to coincide with the payroll period. This extension would be used to spray leafy spurge to help control them for next spring. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to extend the County Weed Superintendent's employment term to October 21st for the fall of 2021 only. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Road's employee. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to accept and approve the resignation of Todd Maricle effective September 29, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Bob Sandman, County Weed Superintendent.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed the already awarded \$1.00 base wage increase's effective date. Ziemba proposed it to be effective earlier with a start date of September 22. The Board did not want to change the effective date for the base wage increase, and instead suggested to increase the selected employee's wages to the top of their wage range. This change would only affect three County Road employees – not the whole department. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve a \$0.50 wage increase for three County Road employees to be designated by the County Highway Superintendent and to be effective September 22, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No changes were made to the pay schedule.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent.

Mary Ziemba, County Zoning Administrator, was not able to attend and her evaluation was rescheduled for September 27, 2021.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Jacqueline Wells, County Veteran Service Officer.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance.

Public Comments:

- All the Commissioners had attended various meetings after the September 13th meeting and took this time to update each other on those topics.
- Commissioner Temme plans to attend the Boone County Ag Society meeting scheduled for the evening of September 20, 2021.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 12:44 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 27, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk