

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 27, 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 27, 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, Ben Rutten and Jon Lindgren. Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press on September 22, 2021, and the convened meeting was open to the public.

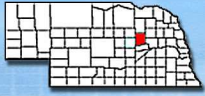
The agenda was posted on the Boone County website; posted on the information board located in the Courthouse north entrance; emailed to the Board of Commissioners; and emailed to the Elected Officials and department heads on Friday, September 24, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted 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 20, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of August 22, 2021 through September 21, 2021. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$102,876.37; BCBS \$45,201.45; Ameritas Ret \$7,006.12; EFTPS \$7,659.74; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$17.50; Wellness Program \$132.00; Road \$64,147.26; BCBS \$30,290.10; Ameritas Ret \$4,329.93; EFTPS \$4,808.99; Ambulance \$5,092.44; Ameritas Ret \$143.24; EFTPS \$389.57; Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. 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: Road - \$796,730.81. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 Albion Area Arts Council requested assistance to advertise the Sonic Escape event scheduled for October 24, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the Albion Area Arts Council for the Sonic Escape event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Tanya Sharp, Boone County Health Center President & CEO, and Rita Liss, Boone County Health Center CFO, presented the Boone County Health Center statement of operations budget for their fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 to the Board. Sharp and Liss reviewed the budget with the Board and explained that areas of the anticipated operating revenue of \$35,216,879.00, with operating expenses of \$35,146,893.00, leaving an increase in net position of \$502,637.00. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to accept the Boone County Health Center 2021-2022 operations budget as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mary Ziemba, County Zoning Administrator, brought her new hire, Jenny Eastman, to the meeting for introductions to the Board.

The Board conducted an employment evaluation with Mary Ziemba, County Zoning Administrator.

The State of Nebraska Statutes require an annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards to be filed on or before October 31 each year. The LB82 became law on March 8, 2019, that changed the Nebraska Department of Transportation and county and municipal highway, road and street public record keeping and reporting requirements. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-35, the 2021 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

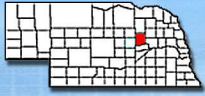
- Concrete and metal in County Right-of-Way issue on 160th Avenue and east 290th Street.
- Water issues at 160th Avenue and west 290th Street and 150th Avenue and west 285th Street.
- Update on Kaufmann matter and if no agreement is made, a hearing will be held on October 5.
- Employee update regarding routes, road coverage and work crew reassignments.
- Tube installation on 170th Avenue, a minimum maintenance road, by Niewohner's hog confinement.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten 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.

Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, and the Board discussed the \$0.50 per hour wage increase awarded to three County Road employees from the September 20, 2021 meeting. Ziemba requested that the wage increase be revoked for one of the employees. Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to revoke the previously awarded \$0.50 per hour wage increase for one County Road employee. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After submitting the proposed uses for the American Rescue Plan Act funds to Lutz & Company, PC they returned an Engagement Letter for the Board to review. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Engagement Letter for assistance and guidance with the American Rescue Plan Act guidelines with their fee(s) to be taken out of the awarded funds themselves. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Temme left the meeting early at 10:25 A.M.



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Barb Hanson, Assessor, appeared before the Board regarding a Contractor/Lister Agreement between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Larry Petsche of Petersburg for pickup work in the County. Hanson informed the Board that the State advised that the contracts be written to show the contracted individual as a Contractor/Lister. The term “Lister” was included inasmuch as a Contractor can assess values and Metz does not do assessment of values. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Vice Chairman to sign the Contractor/Lister Agreement between the County of Boone, Nebraska and Larry Petsche for pickup work from September 27, 2021 through September 30, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Absent: Temme. Motion carried.

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.

Two quotes were received by the County Sheriff’s Office for five new body armor vests. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to accept the quote from Galls for five new body armor vests for approximately \$1,040.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Absent: Temme. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Temme updated the Board on the September 20th Boone County Ag Society meeting.

Vice Chairman Rutten declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk