

# Boone County Board Minutes



## BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 27, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 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 October 20, 2021, and the convened meeting was open to the public.

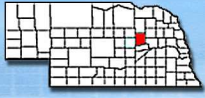
The agenda was posted on the Boone County website; posted on the information board located in the Courthouse north entrance; emailed to the Board of Commissioners; and emailed to the Elected Officials and department heads on Monday, October 25, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public. All who were present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of October 18, 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 September 22, 2021 through October 21, 2021. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$98,848.12; BCBS \$48,055.09; Ameritas Ret \$6,771.52; EFTPS \$7,344.80; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$17.50; Wellness Program \$115.50; Road \$60,428.51; BCBS \$29,536.02; Ameritas Ret \$4,078.92; EFTPS \$4,529.16; Ambulance \$3,016.73; Ameritas Ret \$84.06; EFTPS \$230.78; Public Defender Contract \$3,358.21. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Three Extension Board member terms will be ending at the end of December 2021. The Board reviewed a notice for the paper to advertise for these positions to be filled. Applications will be due back in the Boone or Nance County Extension Offices by 4:00 P.M. on November 19, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to authorize the County Clerk to advertise the Extension Board vacancies for two weeks in the Albion News/Boone County Tribune. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The 2021-2022 County budget was adopted on August 26, 2021 and Resolution No. 2021-36 was approved on October 12, 2021 authorizing the Boone County Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) for the 2021-2022 Tax Year on an as needed basis. The transfer will be done through the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims process. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to authorize the Boone County Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$550,546.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) through the Vendor Claims process. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Colonial Life Insurance, Co. sent information on a new policy that will be available to the County's employees to be paid by the employee as a payroll deduction. Information on this new Critical Illness Plan will be sent out with the October paystubs. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to authorize the County Clerk to sign the application for Critical Illness Group Insurance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cornhusker Public Power requested permission to bore an electric power line under the County Road, commonly known as 160<sup>th</sup> Street, between NW1/4 in Section 1, Township 21, Range 7 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and SW1/4 in Section 36, Township 22, Range 7 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> all in Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-38, granting permission to Cornhusker Public Power to bore an electric power line under 160<sup>th</sup> Street located in Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 7 and Section 1, Township 21, Range 7 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., all in Boone County, Nebraska as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cornhusker Public Power requested permission to bore an electric power line under the County Road, commonly known as 300<sup>th</sup> Street, between Sections 8 and 17, all in Township 19, Range 5 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2021-39, granting permission to Cornhusker Public Power to bore an electric power line under 300<sup>th</sup> Street located in Sections 8 and 17, all in Township 19 North, Range 5 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boone County, Nebraska as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

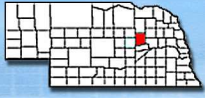
Bob Sandman, County Weed Superintendent, was present to present his year end report for 2021. He reported that he was having issues with the Weed Program and was waiting on the State to gain access to the needed forms. He gave a verbal report to update the Board on his first season. He reported that total miles covered came to 3,899 miles and that overall 4,675 gallons of various pesticides were used on weeds, spurge, brush and trees in the County's road right-of-ways. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to accept the County Weed Superintendent's verbal report and to schedule the form review when available. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- The Department is working on getting ready for the Winter season.
- Update on the status of a Mack semi-truck having mechanical issues.
- Contact was made with BigIron Auctions for the sale of 3 snowplow blades – they will be for sale online soon.
- Personnel update on:
  - What they have been working on
  - Wages
  - Attendance
  - Advertising for a Full-Time Position

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

Before the filing date of the upcoming Primary Election terms for the County Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Sheriff, Attorney, and two Commissioners the salary for said offices are discussed and eventually set. All the offices were represented by the current Elected Officials. The "2023-2026 Salary Recommendations for County Officials," prepared by NACO was used in the discussion. The resolution to set the salaries will be reviewed, approved and signed at the November 8, 2021 Commissioner's meeting unless further discussion is needed. No action was taken at this time.



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The County has a number of abandoned or neglected cemeteries with few or no cemetery associations performing maintenance duties. The sections numbers under Nebraska Revised Statute Chapter 12 go over what role the County plays in this. Right now the County does not have a policy for anyone to readily refer to. The County Clerk, Highway Superintendent and Attorney were present with the Board to discuss the possibility of drafting one. Different scenarios and suggested provisions were talked over by everyone present to help the County in the future. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to authorize the County Attorney to draft a Cemetery Policy for the Board to review at a later date. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It shall also be the duty of the County Board of each county of this state to visit the jail of its county per Nebraska State Statute § 47-109. The Board conducted a routine walk through visit of the Boone County Jail per Nebraska State Statute.

## Public Comments:

- Lisa Langan, Clerk Magistrate/Ex-Officio Clerk of District Court, introduced Kathy Yrkoski to the Board.
- John Morgan, County Attorney, gave the Board his opinion on the Opioid Settlement Agreements and how they County should go forward.
- Commissioner Rutten attended the Boone County Fitness Center's meeting on October 26, 2021 as well as planning to attend the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services meeting on October 29, 2021.
- Commissioner Lindgren plans to attend the local Community Health Improvement Plan meeting on November 3, 2021.
- Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, updated the Board on an upcoming NRIN upgrade for the Sheriff's Office mapping system.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,  
Boone County Clerk