

Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 8, 2021 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, November 8, 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, Larry Temme 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 November 3, 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, November 5, 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 Lindgren, second by Temme to approve the County Board Proceedings of October 27, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

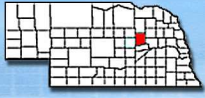
Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$590,278.99; Road - \$178,455.59; ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund (1150) - \$211.68; Inheritance Tax (2700) - \$62,599.43; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$826.64; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$432.74; and Ambulance - \$934.06. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- Clerk - \$13,711.25 (State of Nebraska \$8,111.48)(County of Boone \$5,599.77)
- District Court - \$547.29 (State of Nebraska \$359.00)(County of Boone \$188.29)
- Sheriff - \$431.27
- Planning & Zoning - \$569.88
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 18999 – 19064 - \$395,894.86
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$736,108.48

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

Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, was present to discuss the County Sheriff's generator. Nelson presented a Sourcewell quote from NMC Cat Power Systems for a diesel generator and a manual switch. Estimated delivery times are expected to be 25 weeks for the generator and 3-6 for the manual switch. At this time the current generator is not automatically switching on and is why the manual switch is listed separately on the quote. With bad weather season coming up, having a working generator is crucial if the power goes out for the Sheriff's office to assist the public. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to authorize the Chairman to sign the Sourcewell contract with NMC Cat Power Systems for approximately \$35,892.00 for the generator and \$4,653.00 for the manual switch as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Chuck Rolf, Boone County Ag Society Manager, and Kurt Kruse, Boone County Agricultural Education Center, were present to give the Board an update on upcoming activities. The arena has events every weekend from November 13 to April 23, not including Christmas and Easter holiday weekends. There will be a concert coming in February 2022. They also wanted to talk to the Board about possibly using a portion of the land currently under lease through December 2023 by Nathan Olson. The Board let Rolf and Kruse know that per the Lease Agreement a notice to the Lessee would have had to be given by September 1st for any upcoming changes in the next year. The Board said that they would have to talk to Olson regarding this request before going further with the discussion. No action taken at this time.

Nathan Olson leases the County owned dryland crop ground acres located in a fractional part of the NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M., Boone County, Nebraska. Some dirt work had been done to a portion of the leased acres and affected the yield in that area. Olson was not able to attend, but he sent a report to the Board to review regarding his harvest. Per the report Olson planted 23.8 acres and harvested 22.6 acres. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve and accept the 2021 cropland lease payment based on 22.6 acres of harvested crop at \$230.00 per acre from Nathan Olson as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jacqueline Wells, Boone County Veterans Service Officer, presented her Letter of Resignation as the Veterans Service Officer for Greeley County, Nebraska. Per the Interlocal Agreement, notice has to be given 30 days prior to the termination date. Wells informed the Board that she had been approached about possibly serving the Greeley Veterans remotely from her Boone County office and said that she was open to the possibility. The Board drafted a letter to address the cancellation of the current Interlocal Agreement and the request for a new agreement regarding remote services for Greeley County Veterans. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to accept the resignation from the current agreement as presented and authorized the Chairman to sign the letter addressed to the Greeley County Board. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Veteran that was going to be honored at the Commissioner's meeting was unable to attend due to COVID restrictions at the Good Samaritan Society. Wells said that she would get him the certificate at the home.

The State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation, needs the County Board to designate the official county newspaper(s) in order to comply with state statute when advertising their projects for bids in the county. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to designate the official county newspapers for 2022 to include the Albion News/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the prior year's expenditures for employee recognition. The consensus of the Board is that each elected official and full-time employee shall receive a certificate for either a turkey or ham not to exceed \$20.00 which they may redeem at any of the participating grocery stores. The certificates to be included with the employees November payroll information. The certificates would have to be redeemed on or before December 31, 2021 and would be good towards a turkey or ham only. Any amount over \$20.00 would be at the expense of the employee. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the expenditure of \$20.00 per elected official and full-time employee towards the purchase of a turkey or ham in the form of a certificate to be redeemable at participating grocery stores on or before December 31, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The Board reviewed the 2022 calendar to set dates for the 2022 Board meetings. The Board usually meets every Monday but the first Monday of the month and if the Monday is a holiday then Tuesday beginning at 9:00 A.M. The 22/21 payroll system requires the Board to change some of their meeting days from Monday to a different day for payroll approval. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the following meeting dates for 2022 which are subject to change: January 6, 10, 18 and 26; February 14, 24 and 28; March 14, 21 and 28; April 11, 18 and 27; May 9, 16 and 25; June 13, 21 and 27; July 11, 18 and 27; August 8, 15, 22 and 29; September 12, 19 and 26; October 11, 17 and 26; November 14, 21 and 28; December 12, 19 and 28. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board advertised a 2003 Ford F-350 and a 1994 International 2000 Series Truck as surplus items for one week and was accepting sealed bids until 4:00 P.M. on Friday, November 5. Three bids were received by the deadline.

For the 2003 Ford F-350:

Shawn Fuehrer	\$450.00
Dave Reinhart	\$510.00
MJK Ag	\$600.00

For the 1994 International 2000 Series Truck:

Dave Reinhart	\$ 760.00
MJK Ag	\$1,900.00

Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to accept the highest bid from MJK Ag for both items as received with the proceeds to be deposited into the Road Fund (0200). Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

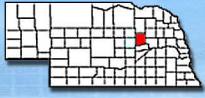
Stacey Ziembra, County Highway Superintendent presented the following topics in the general report:

- A Case Tractor in District #1 is having transmission issues.
- John Wagner to build a drag for District #1.
- Update on the Ridge Road project.
- Personnel updates and presented a written resignation that will be addressed as an agenda item on November 15, 2021.

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.

The Board discussed the proposed Commissioners District lines. Their options are to keep the lines as is or to review and pick from one of the three proposals from gWorks. In order for the public to be able as well informed as possible, the Board asked Jim Dickerson, Albion News/Boone County Tribune, to highlight the meeting. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to advertise a separate meeting for further discussion on the Commissioners District lines on November 24, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, submitted a Distress Warrant Report. The report indicates that there were five distress warrants delivered to the Boone County Sheriff on November 1, 2021 for collection of unpaid 2020 personal property taxes, not including penalties, in the sum of \$2,054.65. The total to be collected on the distress warrants with penalties is \$2,119.45. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to accept and approve the County Treasurer's Distress Warrant Report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren that the depository for the County of Boone, Boone County Imprest Payroll Account (547) will be the Cornerstone Bank of York, Albion Branch, with Commissioners Larry Temme, Ben Rutten, Jon Lindgren and County Clerk's office Sarah Robinson and Lorrie Nicklasson as signees authorized to exercise the powers for said account effective November 15, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme that the depository for the County of Boone, Boone County Clerk Account (554) will be the Boone County Bank, A Division of Madison County Bank, Albion, Nebraska with Sarah Robinson and Lorrie Nicklasson as signees authorized to exercise the powers for said account effective November 15, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten that the depository for the County of Boone, Boone County Imprest Vendor Account (603) will be the Boone County Bank, A Division of Madison County Bank, Albion, Nebraska with Commissioners Larry Temme, Ben Rutten, Jon Lindgren and County Clerk's office Sarah Robinson and Lorrie Nicklasson as signees authorized to exercise the powers for said account effective November 15, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Notices to Proceed and Agreements for Project No. 210206.00 – Petersburg East (130th Street Culvert) and for Project No. 201107.00 – Petersburg West (Baum's Bridge) road projects were received for the Board to review. Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, was present to answer any questions from the Board.

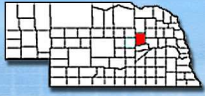
Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the Notices and Agreements for Project No. 210206.00 as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the Notices and Agreements for Project No. 201107.00 as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. 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 two requests for advertisement funding.

The Albion Area Arts Council requested assistance to advertise the String Beans Concert scheduled for December 4, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the Albion Area Arts Council for the String Beans Concert from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Albion Area Arts Council requested assistance to advertise the Dawn Smith and Jill Nore Concert scheduled for December 12, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the Albion Area Arts Council for the Dawn Smith and Jill Nore Concert from the Visitor's Promotion Funds as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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Jerry L. Bode requested permission to bore an electrical line over and across the County Road, commonly known as 100th Street, between Antelope County and Section 1, Township 22, Range 7, Boone County, Nebraska. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-40, granting permission to Jerry L. Bode to bore an electrical line over and across 100th Street located in Section 1, Township 22 North, Range 7 in Boone County, Nebraska as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Revised Statute §23-1114 provides that “The salaries of all elected officers of the county shall be fixed by the county board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices.” The General Election is to be held in 2022, the elective county offices to be on the ballot is County Commissioner for District Nos. 1 and 3, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff and Surveyor. The Board discussed a competitive increase to be more inline with the recommendations of NACO. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2021-41, setting the elected salaries as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Assessor	\$63,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$72,000.00
Clerk	\$63,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$72,000.00
Treasurer	\$63,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$72,000.00
Attorney-PT	\$63,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$69,000.00	\$72,000.00
Sheriff	\$78,750.00	\$82,500.00	\$86,250.00	\$90,000.00
Surveyor	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Commissioner	\$26,400.00	\$26,400.00		

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

No applications were received by the November 5, 2021 deadline for the Public Defender position. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to readvertise using the Northeast District circulation with a new application due date of December 3, 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Barb Hanson, County Assessor, proposed a use for the America Rescue Plan Act funds.
- Stacey Ziembra, County Highway Superintendent, updated the Board on a road issue on 110th Avenue.
- The Board opened mail received regarding an Excise Tax Audit and the Wildlife Fire Protection Plan.
- Commissioner Lindgren attended the Nebraska Weed Association training.
- Commissioner Temme attended the CHIP meeting in place of Commissioner Lindgren.
- Commissioner Rutten attended the Boone County Trails System meeting.

Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk