



Boone County Board Minutes



BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 15, 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 15, 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 November 10, 2021, and the convened meeting was open to the public.

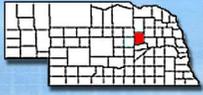
The agenda was posted on the Boone County website; posted on the information board located in the Courthouse north entrance; emailed to the Board of Commissioners; and emailed to the Elected Officials and department heads on Friday, November 12, 2021. Chairman Temme acknowledged the agenda and noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public. All who were present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Ben Rutten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee, opened the safety meeting at 9:00 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present for the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Ben Rutten, Larry Temme and Jon Lindgren; Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance; Denny Johnson, County Sheriff; Jacqueline Wells, Veterans Service Officer; and Sarah Robinson, County Clerk. Rod Nelson, Courthouse Safety Coordinator presented the old and new business. Old business that was addressed/reviewed: (1) CPR Training was held on October 8; (2) Fall's Fire Drill was not held, was decided that there was no need to reschedule; (3) the diesel generator and manual switch were ordered, Region 44 Manager is looking into grants to offset the cost; (4) work on the Sheriff's office steps will be addressed during the concrete work for the new generator. New business that was addressed/reviewed: (1) revisited the idea of getting a mobile sanitizing machine and/or air purifying machines – Nelson said that he would look into the costs; (2) Rutten discussed the coming winter months and the rise of COVID cases – advised Nelson to keep masks and disinfectant stocked; and (3) addressed the three open incidents to date. The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Ben Rutten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee at 9:25 A.M. The next quarterly Safety Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 28, 2022.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the County Board Proceedings of November 8, 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 of Equalization Proceedings of November 8, 2021 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren 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 two requests for advertisement funding.



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The Boone County Home Farm and Garden Show, Inc. requested assistance to advertise the Reason for the Season event scheduled for December 2, 2021. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the Boone County Home Farm and Garden Show, Inc. for the Reason for the Season event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Boone County Building Committee requested assistance to advertise the Hairball Concert scheduled for February 11, 2022. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve the application requesting funding assistance from the Boone County Building Committee for the Hairball Concert from the Visitor's Promotion Funds as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

On October 18, 2021 Tanya Sharp, Boone County Health Center, presented the 2022 Hospital License for the Board to review. It was approved and the Vice Chairman and third Board Member signed the License since Commissioner Temme was absent. Upon submission Sharp was informed that the license required the Chairman's signature. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to approve the resigning of the 2022 Hospital License by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Extension office employee. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to accept and approve the resignation of Josephine Weltruski effective December 31, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from a full-time County Road employee. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to accept and approve the resignation of Stacey L. Ziemba effective November 19, 2021 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brent Pribnow, Road Employee, was present with Stacey Ziemba, County Highway Superintendent, to discuss the \$0.50/hour wage increase that was offered originally in September. Discussion was had regarding past issues and improvements noted by Ziemba and she asked the Board to approve the requested increase. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the \$0.50/hour wage increase for a County Road Employee effective November 22, 2021 as requested by his Department Head. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ziemba and the Board discussed the Highway Superintendent's upcoming vacancy. They asked if Dan Stankoski might possibly be interested in the position. He will be asked to discuss this proposition with the Board at the November 24, 2021 meeting. Advertising the position was also discussed with Ziemba. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to advertise the position for two weeks with a due date for applications being 4:00 P.M. on December 10, 2021 using the OnePress Statewide Regional Ad-Northeast District only. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rutten, second by Temme to go into executive session at 9:58 A.M., per the Open Meeting Act §84-1410, prevention of needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Temme and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Board reviewed an employee assistance request. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to come out of the executive session at 10:17 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Temme, second by Lindgren to approve the employee assistance request. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Lindgren and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.



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The American Rescue Plan Act funds that have been received by the County were moved to an interest bearing account after the approval of the September 13, 2021 meeting. The understanding was that the accrued interest would be moved to the General Fund (0100) on an as needed basis. Motion made by Rutten, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2021-42 authorizing the County Treasurer to transfer the accrued interest from the ARPA funds to the General Fund (0100) on an as needed basis. Roll call vote: Yeas: Rutten, Lindgren and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received that a new resolution was needed for participation in the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District due to adding the wording “including CDBG administration.” Motion made by Lindgren, second by Rutten to approve Resolution No. 2021-43 with the additional administration as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Rutten and Temme. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County of Boone is in the process of being audited for year 2018 regarding the submission for reimbursement on paid Excise Taxes. Upon submission of requested documents, the County was notified that under Publication 510, for reimbursement to be valid it had to be purchased with a credit card and with a statement from the credit card company used that they, as the ultimate purchaser, did not claim the Excise Taxes themselves. The Internal Revenue Service has been working with the County on what the next steps will be. In reviewing the County’s current fuel providers, the biggest is claiming the taxes and the others were not purchased using a credit card. Motion made by Temme, second by Rutten to discontinue the submission for Excise Taxes Reimbursement starting with calendar year 2021 and being reviewed thereafter. Roll call vote: Yeas: Temme, Rutten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bruce Benne, Albion Volunteer Fire Department, and Randall Bruland, County Ambulance Administrator, were present to discuss the current Interlocal Agreement between the City of Albion and the County of Boone regarding housing of the county ambulance. Benne, acting as an informal agent for the City of Albion, wanted to get the discussion started for changing the storage facility for the County’s ambulance. The Board thanked Benne for letting the County know well in advance to start looking for alternative storage areas. No action was taken at this time.

Resolution No. 2021-44 was presented for the Board to review regarding the 2021 Year-End County Highway Superintendent Certification. With the acceptance of Stacey Ziemba’s resignation the resolution only addresses January 1-November 19, 2021. The remainder of the year will be addressed at the next Commissioner’s meeting on November 24, 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Temme to approve and authorize the signing of the Year-End Certification for January 1-November 19, 2021 certifying the appointment of Stacey L. Ziemba as a licensed Highway Superintendent for that period. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Temme and Rutten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Lindgren plans to attend the Region 4 Behavioral Health and Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging meetings.
- Commissioner Temme plans to attend the Ag Society and East-Central District Health Department meetings.
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Chairman Temme declared the meeting adjourned at 11:13 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk