

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 21, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Chairman Lindgren called the meeting to order, and Commissioners present for roll call were Jon Lindgren and Brian J. Yosten. Commissioner Matt Niewohner was absent. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Boone County Website-Public Notices, in the Courthouse north entrance and at the Albion Post Office. Notice of the meeting was also given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune and the Petersburg Press all on January 15, 2025, 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, January 17, 2025. Chairman Lindgren 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 Yosten to approve the County Board Proceedings of January 13, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of January 13, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Caleb Poore, Boone County Health Center, President/Chief Executive Officer, presented a Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application for the Board to review. The Boone County Health Center provides in home services for physical, occupational, speech and intravenous therapy; nursing; social work; and home health aide. The Boone County Health Center serves patients in the counties of Antelope, Boone, Greeley, Madison, Nance, Platte and Wheeler. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the Home Health Agency Renewal Licensure Application as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, presented their 4th Quarter-Office Quarterly report for the Board to review:

- October Total-\$5,308.14
- November Total-\$3,749.39
- December Total-\$3,669.04

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to accept and approve the 4th Quarter-Office Quarterly report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The 2024-2025 County budget was adopted on September 25, 2024 and Resolution No. 2024-36 was approved on September 25, 2024 authorizing the Boone County Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) for the 2024-2025 Tax Year on an as needed basis. The transfer will be done through the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims process. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to authorize the Boone County Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$356,171.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) through the Vendor Claims process for Transfer #2. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Absent: Niewohner. 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. St. Michael's Parish requested assistance to advertise the St. Patrick's Carnival event scheduled for March 23, 2025. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from St. Michael's Parish for the St. Patrick's Carnival event from the Visitor's Promotion Fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The three district road foremen presented the following general road report:

- Discussed received Highway Superintendent applications.
 - All present felt that the current structure with having a remote Highway Superintendent and three road foremen is currently working.
 - Will notify Zelle of the discussion regarding the Highway Superintendent and will adapt the job description.
- Discussed equipment inventory.
 - Board asked foremen to go through all equipment and bring back a report of items/machines that need repair or need to be replaced.
- District 3 update:
 - Standing fuel tank has been repaired and is back in operation
 - Containment system has been ordered from Bomgaars Supply Inc.
- District 2 update:
 - Will need to look into other containment system options due to the fuel tanks being 1000 and 2000 Gal.
- 330th Avenue, between 280th and 290th Street, there was an accident that the District 2 foreman reviewed. Will submit accident report to NIRMA for review.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to accept the general road report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, and the Board discussed a concern that was brought to attention by a courthouse office. The security of each office and office access has been discussed previously but has not been acted upon. Bullet resistant counter windows, counters and the wall surrounding the counter were discussed. Nelson stated that if you were installing the bullet resistant counter window that it would be in the best interest to also reinforce the wall and make sure the counter area was secure. Access control to the courthouse's exterior and interior doors were also discussed. Not every interior would need to have key fob/card/code entry, but it was proposed that all doors that let out to the hallway might be considered for this upgrade. Some questions were raised and were as follows: what would happen if the electricity were to go out-how would the doors operate and who would monitor the new/terminated employees. The Board asked that Applied Connective Technologies be invited to attend/provide some initial information to see if this is something the County should pursue. No action taken at this time.

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:

- Caleb Poore, Boone County Health Center, updated the Board on hospital renovation and other upcoming projects.
- Commissioner Yosten gave an update regarding the Boone County Ag Society, Boone County Development Agency and BCDA Networking event.
- Discussed the NIRMA Renewal Application for the 2025-2026 year.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman