

**BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**JANUARY 29, 2025**                      **ALBION, NEBRASKA**

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 29, 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, Brian J. Yosten and Matt Niewohner. 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 Monday, January 27, 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 21, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Absent: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of December 22, 2024 through January 21, 2025. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$156,053.56; BCBS \$55,704.70; Ameritas Ret \$11,181.30; EFTPS \$11,595.97; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$90.00; HRA Admin Fees \$208.00; Funded HRA Fees \$3,928.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$6,842.12; Wellness Program \$126.00; Road \$73,724.62; BCBS \$22,707.85; Ameritas Ret \$4,888.67; EFTPS \$5,543.54; HRA Admin Fees \$104.00; Funded HRA \$1,673.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$4,221.60; Ambulance \$7,251.34; Ameritas Ret \$106.02; EFTPS \$554.74. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lori Krohn, Albion Chamber of Commerce; and Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance; were present to discuss the Chamber's request for the Courthouse and Sheriff buildings to be included in the downtown lighting project. Krohn stated that the Chamber pays for the installation of the lights and maintenance of the lights. The lights are connected directly to a pole and the electricity bill is sent to the Chamber for payment once a year. Nelson expressed concern on the north line of the roof, from the tower to the west side of the building. He stated that he sprays down the HVAC units and the hose drags along that portion of the roof. Krohn stated that the Chamber could work around that request. Krohn also wanted to request the use of the northeast tree on the courthouse block to be lit/decorated during the Light Parade in the month of December. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to allow the Albion Chamber of Commerce to install lights around the Courthouse and Sheriff buildings and to allow the use of the northeast tree on the courthouse block for the Lights Parade. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard and Ashton Figgner, Extension Educators, presented the 2024 Annual Extension Report. Pritchard reported on activities as well as participation. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to accept the 2024 Annual Extension Report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed received tractor leases from various vendors and they were as follows:

Nebraska Harvest Center	Claas Asion 860 CMATIC	\$245,000.00	\$4273/mo	500 hr limit
Kayton International Inc.	Magnum 220	N/A	\$1200/mo	500 hr limit (\$75/hr overage)
Dinkel Implement	New Holand T8/235 PTO HP	N/A	\$75/hr – Min-100 hr/month charge	
AKRS	John Deere 8R 250	\$255,572.11	\$85,190.70/yr	

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to accept the proposal from Kayton Internation Inc as stated above for one tractor with the intention to lease two more when available. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was a concern brought to the Board's attention regarding a county road that could be referred to as 175<sup>th</sup> Street. It is located in Section 32, Township 20, Range 6 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. In August 1901 the following legal was submitted to the Board to become a county road: Commencing at the center of the Section 31, Township 20, Range 6 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., running thence east one mile and about 100 rods to the road which runs west from the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 20, Range 6 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. The portion in Section 31 has been vacated, but the portion in Section 32 is still open. One of the landowners has gated off the above described road in Section 32. The issue was presented to the Highway Superintendent and he stated to give the landowner a notice to remove the gate within 30 days. If the issue is not resolved within that time, the county attorney would need to get involved. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the Chairman to sign the presented letter with the original letter to be mailed to the landowner and a copy given to the County Attorney's office. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A petition was received to request a portion of 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue be vacated due to weeds and trees are taking the road over and hasn't been maintained for a few years. The requested portion is described as follows: 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 220<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup> Streets, between Sections 5 and 6, all in Township 20, Range 7 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M for approximately one mile. Twelve signatures were on the petition – one signature was ineligible being a POA signature and the other was not a registered voter. The other ten signatures were within ten miles of the petitioned section of the road and registered voters. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to accept

A petition was received to request a one mile portion of 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue be vacated and the next step is to appoint Brian McDonald, Boone County Highway Superintendent, to complete a study of the use of the County Roadway. The Boone County Board of Commissioners accepted the petition with at least ten registered voter signatures within ten miles of the requested location. The requested portion is described as follows: 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 220<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup> Streets, between Sections 5 and 6, all in Township 20, Range 7 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M for approximately one mile. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve Resolution No. 2025-02, appointing Brian McDonald, Boone County Highway Superintendent, to do a study of the County Roadway regarding the vacation of a portion of county road known as 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### Public Comments:

- State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Round 1 reimbursement of \$9,000.00 was received.
- Commissioner Niewohner discussed a possibly new product for road treatments.
- Discussed Ambulance billing services and employee structure.
- Commissioner Yosten reviewed the current County Handbook and commented on a few sections.
  - Zelle HR Solutions are currently reviewing potential necessary changes. The County Handbook will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Called Dohmen Garage Door Inc. regarding an update on the District 3 road shop repair – left a voicemail.
- Commissioner Yosten updated the Board on the Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc meeting and will be attending the Boone County Fitness Center meeting.
- Commissioner Lindgren updated the Board on the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting and will be attending the Region 44 Emergency Services meeting.
- Commissioner Niewohner updated the Board on the East Central District Health Department meeting.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:12 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,  
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

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Jon Lindgren, Chairman