

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 10, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, March 10, 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/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press on March 5, 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, March 7, 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 Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the County Board Proceedings of February 26, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Abstain: Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the County Board Public Hearing Proceedings of February 26, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Abstain: Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-42 was approved November 15, 2021 to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer the accrued interest from the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the General Fund (0100) on an as needed basis. The County Treasurer presented January 2025's accrued interest for the amount to be moved through the vendor process. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to authorize the transfer of accrued interest from the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the General Fund (0100) in the amount of \$2,186.29. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

With the termination of County Employee(s), the County is required by statute to process their payroll in a timely manner, even if it means doing it out of a payroll cycle. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the payroll claim filed for payment on the General Fund and Road Fund for the gross amount of \$462.42 with the withholding amounts being included in the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims also presented and approved today. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General-\$49,685.57; Road-\$119,835.80; Visitor's Promotion Fund (0990)-\$536.61; ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund (1150)-\$229.96; COVID ARPA Fund (2580)-\$2,186.29; 911 Emergency Management (2910)-\$71.63; 911 Wireless Service (2913)-\$724.23; and Ambulance (5502)-\$4,877.46. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bob Sandman was at the meeting to discuss an increase to the insurance on the building that the county uses to house two units in Loretto, Nebraska. The County has paid \$150.00 per month for rent since 1997. Sandman stated that his insurance on the building has increased and has asked that the rent increase as well. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the rent for the Loretto building be increased to \$250.00 per month with a new agreement to be presented at the March 17, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for February 2025:

- Clerk - \$18,992.25 (State of Nebraska \$12,302.85)(County of Boone \$6,689.40)
- District Court - \$394.54 (State of Nebraska \$197.00)(County of Boone \$197.54)
- Zoning - \$0.00
- Sheriff - \$436.32
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 21819 – 21880 - \$637,991.66
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$1,189,946.14

Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris Sayers, NMC Exchange, was present to discuss the services that NMC could provide to the county. He stated that the county usually approves the Basic Customer Value Agreement (CVA) oil kits, but there are other levels available. NMC also offers air filters for eligible units. Sayers also stated that there is a program that is installed in newer models and could be installed in others to track movements of each unit for insurance purposes to see what roads are covered when. Sayers stated that there is a certified technician in Albion that would be able to handle onsite jobs if needed. Sayers presented four CVA's that will be expiring to the Board to review. The Board will take action on them at the following meeting and the Board thanked Sayers for his time. No action taken at this time.

Dennis Nelson and Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, were present to discuss a culvert project on 160th Street and 210th Avenue. A & R Construction won the bid and has been working on the project. Nelson stated that he didn't feel any changes needed to be made to his driveway and/or the right-of-way that he maintains by his property due to no water drainage issues. McDonald stated that there are standing water issues and that the current road/drainage system does not meet current state standards. Nelson responded that any drainage/standing water gets absorbed quickly and has never been an issue. The Board suggested that McDonald could flag off the current plan for the right-of-way and talk to the contractor regarding notifications to the landowner. No action taken at this time.

There will be two Boone County Health Center Board of Trustee positions up for appointment beginning July 1, 2025. The terms are for six years with a two consecutive term limit. The Board discussed the advertisement, interview and appointment process that was used in the past and reviewed the proposed ad. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to authorize the advertisement for the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees for three consecutive weeks March 12, 19 and 26, 2025 with applications being due on March 28, 2025. Applications will be reviewed at the April 14, 2025 meeting with interviews to be scheduled at a later date. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, was present to discuss their next summer intern. Pritchard is looking for a High School Senior or 1st-2nd Year College Student, but finding adequate housing in the County has proven to be difficult. Pritchard would like to advertise in local newspaper for a local intern. Up to \$600.00 will be paid out of the Extension budget for the intern's compensation with the rest to be contributed by the 4H Council. Pritchard stated that the foreseeable term of internship will likely be May 19 to July 18, 2025. Pritchard will also use the same agreement as last year. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorize the Extension Office to advertise for a summer intern for the period of May 19 through July 18, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Yosten went to view the 190th Avenue and 300th Street intersection that is potentially hazardous due to overgrown trees – showed picture to the other Board members.
 - Will be attending the Village of Cedar Rapids Progress meeting.
 - Updated the Board regarding the road shop door project and discussed electrician options for any new projects.
- Highway Superintendent updated the Board the 190th Avenue and 315th Street intersection – it will be discussed further at the March 26, 2025 meeting.
 - Will also be checking some locations that were flagged by the county foremen.
- The County Sheriff updated the Board regarding the Boone/Nance County Dispatch Agreement that will be expiring in June 2025.
- The Zoning Administrator updated the Board that the road employees will be picking up 1-2 pallets of Perma-Patch when they drop off/pick up the pickup that is being worked on by Grainger.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 1:29 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman