

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MAY 12, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, May 12, 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; and published in the Albion News/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press on May 7, 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, May 9, 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 April 28, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and 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 April 2025's accrued interest for the amount to be moved through the vendor process. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to authorize the transfer of accrued interest from the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the General Fund (0100) in the amount of \$2,331.84. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for Vendor #1806, White Star Oil Company LLC: General-\$1,516.22, Roads-\$7,704.59 and Ambulance-\$696.41. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for Vendor #155, Beaver Bearing Co Albion: Roads-\$162.44. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General-\$67,540.61; Road-\$212,883.16; Visitor Promotion Fund (0990)-\$264.00; ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund (1150)-\$229.96; COVID ARPA Fund (2580)-\$2,331.84; 911 Emergency Management (2910)-\$680.42; 911 Wireless Service (2913)-\$2,103.79; and Ambulance (5502)-\$6,221.77. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- Clerk - \$23,295.75 (State of Nebraska \$15,242.94)(County of Boone \$8,052.81)
- District Court - \$660.21 (State of Nebraska \$400.00)(County of Boone \$260.21)
- Zoning - \$128.63
- Sheriff - \$1,313.42
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 21982 – 22070 - \$4,367,613.22
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$10,273,897.30

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

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, was present to discuss a Platte Valley Communications quote for the MTR3000 repair. This repair was required due to the Albion Fire Department not receiving their pages. It was discussed at a previous meeting if the fire department should pay one of the invoices for the fix. Johnson stated that he had talked to the Fire Chief and that the Albion Fire Department would take responsibility for Invoice 032500257 for \$1,037.98. No action taken.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, was present to discuss a quote from Godfrey's for four exterior vests. He stated that his current deputies' vests are getting worn and need to be replaced. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the Godfrey's quote for four vests for approximately \$1,193.40 as presented and for a Sheriff's office representative to sign the quote. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, and Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, were both present to discuss a fire alarm panel that is for the Boone County Health Center and Wolf Memorial Good Samaritan Home and monitored by the Sheriff's office. The facilities conduct monthly tests that are tracked by the Sheriff's office and submitted to the facilities for their records. The system is outdated and is prone to false alarms. Recently Electronic Systems Inc conducted their bi-annual test of the Sheriff office's systems and also fixed the fire alarm panel. Nelson/Johnson were discussing who was responsible for the invoice. More research is required on what the original agreement between entities was. No action taken.

The Board collected road gravel and aggregate, culverts, bridge planks, grader blades and other materials by mailing letters to current vendors. The Board received eight different vendors to discuss. The Board reviewed all submitted information and discussed how to more effectively purchase materials for the County. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to reject any and all bids and that the county will continue purchasing road gravel and aggregate, culverts, bridge planks, grader blades and other materials as needed at the available price and quality on the open market. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tina Clark and Rachel Papuga, gWorks, did a presentation of their website and services via Zoom. Currently the County has four tabs for the Assessor, County Clerk, Planning/Zoning and Roads department. The Board and gWorks discussed the differences they had seen with Beacon. Victoria Olson, Zoning Administrator and Dan Lueken, County Assessor, were present to observe the presentation. gWorks addressed questions about them branching out, but stated that providing GIS services will remain their main focus and that any additional services gain will only enhance counties experiences with their services. Clark stated that the county could amend the Planning/Zoning, County Clerk, and Assessor's contract (currently on Year 2) to begin concurrently with the Roads contract at the same prices. Clark also stated that she could include the buffering and subscription options at no additional cost to the county and free training. The Board thanked gWorks for their Zoom presentation – no action taken at this time.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to table a decision regarding the County's GIS programs and services until their May 19, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Caleb Poore, Boone County Health Center, and the Board discussed the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustee position that will be vacant as of June 30, 2025. Poore acknowledged that Don Casper of Albion, has completed his second six-year term as a Boone County Health Center Board of Trustee and will be stepping down in June. Tony Kurtenbach will have completed his first term at the end of June and is willing to do a second term. There are five representatives from each of the City/Village areas of the County that are the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees. A board member may serve two consecutive six-year terms and has a monthly meeting to attend. Two applicants had conflicts of interests and were sent a letter via certified mail. After conducting an interview of the remaining application received, Poore, submitted the name of Gary Stokes of Petersburg to be considered as a Board of Trustees member to fill the vacancy. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to appoint Gary Stokes of Petersburg to serve his first six-year term and Tony Kurtenbach to serve his second six-year term on the Boone County Health Center Board of Trustees beginning July 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, was present to discuss an Employment Contract between Boone County 4-H and Boone County to employ a summer intern for the Extension Office. The total amount of compensation will be approximately \$2,800.00 which will be paid partially by Boone County and Boone County 4-H. Through the application process Pritchard selected Cassidy Maricle of Albion, NE for this position. Her employ will be from May 20-July 19, 2025. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept the Employment Contract as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board and those present discussed the upcoming fiscal year and insurance coverages. NACO BCBS is keeping the County's current deductible plan being the \$6,100/12,200 with Copay option. From discussion it sounds like everyone is happy with the current deductible plan, Cash in Lieu (CIL)-\$400.00, Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)-\$100.00 Employee/\$100.00 Spouse or Family (\$200.00 Total) and Funded HRA \$1,000.00 Employee/\$2,000.00 Spouse or Family plans. The CIL, HRA and Funded HRA plans would continue to be administered through First Concord/MidAmerica and if nothing is changed, a new application for the new fiscal year is not needed. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the \$6,100.00 with Copay deductible plan and Dental PPO Plan (Premier Option 3), with the HRA/Funded HRA benefits as stated above, and a CIL of \$400.00 per month with no BCBS dental being offered if CIL is selected – all to be effective on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and authorize the Chairman to sign the 2024 NACO Subgroup Application. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Robert McCurdy, Veterans Service Officer, was present to discuss an opportunity for a dentist clinic for veterans that is coming up in September. McCurdy will update the Board again when more details are available.
- Deb Schmadeke and a representative from BOLD Nebraska were present to update the Board on some information regarding nationwide CO₂ pipeline projects. They also discussed the current Summit Pipeline permitting progress across several states. The Board thanked them for their information and will review the informational packets left for their review.
- Steve Prichard, Extension Educator, brought up the Fairgrounds shooting range and the surrounding neighborhood that may be developed in the future. This may need to be addressed further in the future with an engineer to evaluate the range.
- Commissioner Yosten attended the NACO Budget Workshop on May 8 and updated the Board on upcoming changes.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, stated that a rooftop unit stopped working and when Nelson reached out to Eller's Heating and Air, he found out that they closed their doors two weeks ago. Nelson will now be going through Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning out of Columbus, NE.
- Commissioner Lindgren will be attending the Region 44 Emergency Management and Region 4 Behavioral Health meetings.
- Commissioner Niewohner will be attending the East Central Health District meeting.
- Commissioner Yosten will be attending the Nebraska Juvenile Services.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:39 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 19 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman