

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 26, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:04 A.M. on Wednesday, March 26, 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 March 19, 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, March 24, 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 Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of March 17, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the Public Hearing Proceedings of March 17, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of February 22, 2025 through March 21, 2025. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$137,482.83; BCBS \$55,704.70; Ameritas Ret \$9,768.02; EFTPS \$10,176.68; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$90.00; HRA Admin Fees \$216.00; Funded HRA Fees \$4,095.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$14,610.36; Wellness Program \$144.00; Road \$72,337.86; BCBS \$21,670.63; Ameritas Ret \$4,774.79; EFTPS \$5,437.44; HRA Admin Fees \$96.00; Funded HRA \$1,589.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$228.00; Ambulance \$7,396.58; Ameritas Ret \$159.23; EFTPS \$565.82. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, submitted a request for approval to pay the twelfth bond interest payment for the Fairgrounds Building Bond, Series 2018. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve and authorize the County Treasurer to pay the bond interest of \$15,203.75 to Chase NYC for the Fairgrounds Building Bond, Series 2018. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jerry Lampe, Stealth Broadband, updated the Board regarding the ongoing fiber projects in the County. Boone County East has the permitting done and installation/construction will begin in April. The project is scheduled to be done in June/July 2025. Boone County West is scheduled to begin in the Spring/Summer 2025 with a projected completion date of December 2025. Boone County West is the project that the County has pledged \$50,000.00 of ARPA Funds to once the project is done. The Board thanked Lampe for his time and update – no action taken at this time.

The Board reviewed a Right of Entry and Indemnity Agreement between Boone County and RDG Geoscience & Engineering for them to obtain a soil sample at the District 2 road shop. This request was submitted to RDG Geoscience & Engineering by White Star and once the reports are completed a copy will be sent to the County. All costs will be the responsibility of RDG Geoscience & Engineering. Motion made by Yosten, second Lindgren to approve the Right of Entry and Indemnity Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Abstain: Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An update to the County's Section 125 plan through First Concord Benefits was presented to the Board for their review. The only change to the 2025 plan was the annual IRS Indexed maximums. A copy of the Summary Plan Description will be given to all participants. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve Resolution No. 2025-08, Certificate of Resolution and Execution Agreement for the 2025 Boone County Section 125 Plan and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After the last snowfall it was found that the west side exterior camera was found to not be working. Applied Connective Technologies was called to evaluate the camera to see if it was a failed camera or if it could be fixed. The ACT representative stated that the camera could not be fix and would need to be replaced. Quote 017124 was presented to the Board to review that included the equipment and labor costs. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the Quote 017124 for approximately \$629.00 to replace the exterior camera as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Ross Davidson discussed northeast county roads and concerns with the maintenance of certain roads with no residents living on them. Also discussed snow removal plan and the culverts that need to be installed on 330th Avenue.
- The Board discussed handbook policy and timeline for draft presentation.
- Reviewed and discussed a letter drafted for the issue regarding 300th Street and 190th Avenue with the County Attorney office.
- Discussed a District 1 dump truck that may need repairs.
- Discussed received road complaints received from the public with the District 2 Foreman when he was delivering paperwork to the courthouse.
 - Discussed possible plans for a 2-3 person crew to work on ditches and building up roads exclusively.
- Discussed GIS provider and an upcoming presentation in April.
- Commissioner Yosten updated the Board regarding the Boone County Ag Society, Boone County Development Agency and Juvenile Services meetings that he attended.
- Commissioner Niewohner will be attending the East Central Health District meeting.
- Commissioner Lindgren stated that the Region 4 meeting was rescheduled to the same day as the Board meeting date, so was unable to attend due to that conflict.
- Commissioner Yosten will be attending the Boone County Fitness Center meeting.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman