

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MAY 19, 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 19, 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 14, 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 16, 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 Niewohner to approve the County Board Proceedings of May 12, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of May 12, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brian J. Yosten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee, opened the safety meeting at 9:00 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present for the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Brian J. Yosten, Matt Niewohner and Jon Lindgren; Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance; Brent Pribnow, Kent Hamilton and Jack Nordeen, District Foremen; Jenna Church, Region 44 Emergency Manager; Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent; Robert McCurdy, Veterans Service Officer; Victoria Olson, Zoning Administrator; and Sarah Robinson, County Clerk.

Old business that was addressed/reviewed:

- (1) New safety maps are laminated and displayed in the hallways.

New business:

- (1) Emergency Action Plan (EAP) was presented and updates were reviewed.
- (2) Cameras
 - a. Camera viewing the West parking lot at the Courthouse was fixed.
 - b. District 3 Road Shop truck shed will need an additional camera for coverage.
 - c. District 2 Foremen has talked to BJ Electric about additional outlets for the camera system to always be plugged in.
- (3) Discussed external/internal camera systems for the Road Department motor graders and semi trucks.
 - a. Would require a new policy and the County will need to look into this more.
- (4) Weather Radios – discussed tornado drills/issued warnings. Nelson asked Church about the statewide drill and Church stated that the drill was not issued for the weather radios.
- (5) Nelson updated the committee on the panic button system – certain issues are still being worked on.
- (6) Commissioner Yosten stated that safety lights could be bought through Carquest-Albion for the road's pickups and sometimes motor graders.

The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Brian J. Yosten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee at 9:32 A.M.

Brent Pribnow, Kent Hamilton, and Jack Nordeen; District Road Foremen was present to discuss the general road report. Items discussed were as follows:

- District 1, 325th Street/170th Avenue – culvert needs to be dug out with new I beams installed for wings to be attached to.
 - District 1 Foreman is to look into pricing.
- District 3 is going to start working on taking the crowns down from several roads.
- Discussed a possible process the County could take for CDL training – the County will look into this further with the help of NIRMA representative.
- District 2 foremen had a question regarding cost share between the County and residents regarding culvert/driveway installations and repairs. The County did set a resolution regarding this, but it will have to be researched to find the exact wording.
 - Hill View Drive was discussed. Currently the vacation resolution conditions have not been met.
 - Old Mill Road will need armor coating within the next year.
- Discussed equipment that may need to be repaired, replaced or traded in for new machinery.
- Discussed gravel ordering and comparison of received bids.

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

The road foremen attended a presentation by a Cintas representative for safety training classes, AED units and eyewash stations. Cintas presented the following prices:

Quantity	Type	Unit Price	Total Price
5	Eyewash Service Agreement	\$99.18/mo	\$495.90
5	Zoll AED Auto Agmt	\$135.00/mo	\$675.00
5	Zoll Plus AED Auto Agmt	\$117.00/mo	\$585.00
5	Lifeline View Agmt	\$112.00/mo	\$560.00
5	Lifeline AED Agmt	\$99.00/mo	\$495.00
1	FA/CPR/AED Class	\$1,117.80	\$1,117.80
1	FA/CPR/Blood Path Class	\$1,214.10	\$1,214.10
1	Bleeding Control Class	\$844.20	\$844.20

The Board and the foremen discussed the pricing. The road department does have five locations but two of them are only manned by one person. Having an AED unit at those two locations didn't seem necessary. It was also discussed that the Sheriff's Office organizes a CPR Certification training through NIRMA that the road guys could attend instead of Cintas. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to table further discussion regarding eyewash stations, AED units and training until more research and comparable pricing was gathered. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jenna Church, Emergency Manager, presented the Emergency Action Plan. The changes included updated maps and members. Most of the plan was kept the same. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve and accept the Emergency Action Plan as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jenna Church, Emergency Manager, presented a general report the included the following:

- Submitted Quarter 1 and 2 of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for reimbursement to Nance County for payment with June Vendors.
- Stated that she had submitted Quarter 3's expenses for the state to review.
 - For budgeting purposes the County should plan an additional two payments from 2024-2025 into the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget.
- Held the MFO meeting and is working on collected all the signatures.
- While on maternity leave a Nance County Deputy will be filling in for emergency calls through the end of July.

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

Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, submitted a request for approval to pay the eighth bond interest payment for the Limited Road Bond, Series 2021. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve and authorize the County Treasurer to pay the bond interest of \$4,440.00 to Chase NYC for the Limited Road Bond, Series 2021. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and 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 Niewohner, second by Lindgren to authorize the Boone County Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$500,000.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) through the Vendor Claims process for Transfer #3. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A number of offices were present to discuss the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. Out of pocket costs for employees regarding health/dental and vision. All other elective premiums are expected to stay the same as well. Those present discussed the required minimum wage to be effective January 1, 2026. The County is meeting that minimum with our part-time wage being \$15.00 per hour. A base wage increase affects both new and current employees, while a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) only affects current employees. Any payroll changes made will be effective with January 2026's payroll. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to prepare a spreadsheet showing the proposed wages of \$0.50 Base/\$0.50 COLA, \$0.50 Base/\$0.75 COLA and \$0.50 Base/\$1.00 COLA. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mike Storjohann, Stealth Broadband, was present to update the Board on the multiple fiber projects currently taking place in the county. The projects are as follows:

- Boone County East – construction is about done with some splicing ongoing. Expect to have service to customers by June.
- Boone County West – engineering is in process. Permits will be submitted to the county for review soon which will be titled Phase 1. Phase 2 will be submitting the permits for approval. Construction will hopefully begin in June.
- Boone County East brought fiber to just outside of the Boone County Fairgrounds and Stealth received the a grant, NUSF-Boone Project, to bring it to the Fairgrounds. There will be no costs to the county due to the grant.
 - Further approval on this project is pending and will be discussed in the future.
- Stealth is also proposing bringing fiber to the Courthouse and Sheriff's tower. Fiber will need to be brought through Albion City Limits that will need to be permitted and approved.

The Board thanked Storjohann for his time and updates/explanations. The Board will need readdress a few of these topics in the future. No action taken.

Resolution No. 2025-11, regarding the Certificate of Completion for the Statewide Upgrading Existing Stop Sign Location of Rural Roads projects was presented for the Board to review. This is a resolution to certify that all signs have been installed. The County was to front the costs upfront and upon completion the State would reimburse the County. The reimbursement has already been received and deposited with the Treasurer's office. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve Resolution No. 2025-11 as described and presented above. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve Resolution No. 2025-12, regarding transfers within the General Fund (0100) functions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to keep gWorks as the County's GIS provider and all the current contracts-no changes, with the discussed buffering and subscription tools as presented on April 28, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. 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 two requests for advertisement funding.

- Albion Chamber of Commerce requested assistance to conduct a survey during various downtown events scheduled for June and July 2025. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to deny the application requesting funding assistance from Albion Chamber of Commerce to conduct a survey during various downtown events scheduled for June and July 2025 due to the application/event not meeting the funding guidelines. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Petersburg Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Petersburg Carnival Days event scheduled for June 24 and 25, 2025. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from Petersburg Community Club for the Petersburg Carnival Days event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Bear Graphic's quote was presented for the Board to review for the County Clerk's register of deeds supplies. The prices were as follows: 5 reams (500 sheets per ream) at \$179.00 per ream or 10 reams (500 sheets per ream) at \$173.00 per ream. The recording paper is what is used to copy all register of deeds documents onto for permanent record. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the ordering of 10 reams at \$173.00 per ream from Bear Graphics as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Discussed water testing for the three road shops and pricing on electrolyte packets through various vendors.
- Zoning Administrator updated the Board regarding the Keith Marvin contract and progress.
- District 2 Foreman discussed personnel numbers and placements.
- Commissioner Lindgren will be attending the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting and updated the Board on the Northeast Nebraska Area on Aging meeting.
- Commissioner Yosten will be attending the BCDA, Inc meeting.
- Commissioner Niewohner will be attending the East Central District Health meeting.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 1:59 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman