

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 16, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, June 16, 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 June 11, 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, June 6, 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 June 9, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of June 9, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- The black top north of Cedar Rapids on 170th Avenue needs to be looked at and maybe added as a possible project due to the number of potholes.
 - A possible solution was discussed, using “magic dirt,” a type of pack dirt from South Dakota, to fill the potholes.
- Discussed the slightly extended hours for districts 1 and 2 from 6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. to get additional work completed.
- District gravel piles and gravel vendors were discussed. Also went through the routes and routines of county gravel hauling.
- District 2 garage door repair was discussed, but will be on next week’s agenda.
- The sign truck’s transmission needs to be decided on and will be on next week’s agenda.
- Discussed the 1 & 6 Year Road Improvement Plan projects and other possible projects to add for 2026.
- The Board reminded the foremen that they needed to work on their equipment wish list and inventory list to be sorted between keep, repair, or to be removed so that the County can budget accordingly.

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 Board continued discussions on safety and safety equipment for District Road Shops. Previously the Board had received comments from the road crew regarding the District Road Shops' water supply, and water test kits were ordered. The results proved that all three shops' water are within safe range and is safe to drink. District 1 Shop may need further future action as they had higher nitrate levels. A representative from Cintas previously presented AEDs, Eye Washing Stations and First Aid classes to the road foremen. Quotes from Cintas and Lifeguard MD for AED Stations at the road shops were discussed. Road employees are not in the shops during the majority of the workday due to servicing county roads. CPR/First Aid class and Stop the Bleed class will be taught by NIRMA to all county road employees. Eye washing stations through Cintas were quoted for a self-contained units on a service contract for approximately \$495.90 for 5 units per month. The County could purchase a set of two plumbed eye washing station kits off Amazon for approximately \$148.88 per set. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to order 2 sets of eyewash stations kits (containing two units) for approximately \$148.88 each and to not order AED units or take additional steps for the shops water supply. Roll call: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A&R Construction Co. won the bid for the Albion North/Petersburg Southwest project and Change Order No. 3, Payment Application No. 3 (Final) and a Certificate for Substantial Completion for this project was presented to the Board for review. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the Change Order No. 3 – (\$7,322.75), Payment Application No. 3 for \$30,222.60 and Certificate for Substantial Completion and to authorize payout as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent; District 1 Foreman; and a County resident went out to three locations along 310th Street. McDonald sent an email to the Board to update them regarding the resident's noted drainage issues. At location 1: 120th Avenue and 310th Street – the location in question with the drainage issue is outside of the county's ROW. Location 2: 310th Street and 110th Avenue – this location the county has not made any changes to the road since its construction so the county is under no obligation to do anything at this site. Location 3: 110th Avenue and 310th Street – this location appears to be have a tube, so the county can clean out the ditches to help with the drainage. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner for the county to not take any actions at locations 1 and 2 and to schedule the ditches to be cleaned at location 3 and to ask the Highway Superintendent to discuss this with the landowner. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

As provided by State Statute, Section 23-1302, the County Clerk shall certify to the County Treasurer as of June 15 and December 15 each year the total amount of unpaid claims of the county. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve and accept the Certification from the County Clerk to the County Treasurer as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the year end June 30, 2024 audit report prepared by Cruise & Associates, Inc / MDT LLC. A "Notice of Completion of Audit" was submitted to the Albion News/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press for publication the week of June 16, 2025. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to accept and approve the audit as presented for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and said audit is on file with the Boone County Clerk and the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Courthouse Maintenance updated the Board regarding the Downtown Light project for the Courthouse/Sheriff Office buildings and their power source.
- Commissioner Niewohner will be attending the East Central Health District and Central Nebraska Joint Housing Authority meetings.
- Commissioner Yosten will be attending the Boone County Ag Society and Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, Inc. meetings.
- County Attorney was present to discuss the county office and the written consent for BCDA Inc to sublet to AEDC.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 11:52 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman