

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 28, 2025                      ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 28, 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 21, 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 23, 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 19, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of April 22, 2025 through May 21, 2025. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$151,456.10; BCBS \$56,769.21; Ameritas Ret \$10,762.95; EFTPS \$11,244.88; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$90.00; HRA Admin Fees \$224.00; Funded HRA Fees \$4,171.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$2,146.18; Wellness Program \$144.00; Road \$83,311.43; BCBS \$21,670.63; Ameritas Ret \$5,461.54; EFTPS \$6,283.11; HRA Admin Fees \$88.00; Funded HRA \$1,417.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$1,153.15; Ambulance \$5,979.05; Ameritas Ret \$107.66; EFTPS \$457.45. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Andy Zoucha, Hill View Mulligan Housing Association Inc, was present to discuss Hill View Drive. Resolution No. 2024-56 was passed on November 18, 2024 to vacate Hill View Drive after a public hearing was held on November 12, 2024 once a Home Owner's Association was formed and the county road was deeded to the established Association. Zoucha stated that the Association was established and all landowners residing by the county road have signed Membership Agreements. Jarecki Sharp & Petersen prepared a Quitclaim Deed for the Board to review. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Quitclaim Deed from the County of Boone, Nebraska to the Hill View Mulligan Housing Association Inc as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Three scenarios for 2025-2026 wages were presented for the Board to review. They were \$0.50 Base/\$0.50 COLA, \$0.50 Base/\$0.75 COLA, and \$0.50 Base/\$1.00 COLA with projected calculations for FICA, Retirement and Blue Cross Blue Shield contributions. Several employees were present to review the summary spreadsheet as presented and it was emailed out prior to the meeting. Individual offices breakdown was submitted to those offices upon request. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to table the 2025-2026 wages until June 9, 2025 meeting and for the following scenarios to be presented then: \$0.75 Base/\$0.50 COLA, \$0.75 Base/\$0.75 COLA, and \$0.75 Base/\$1.00 COLA. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Several participating members of the County's various shooting sports groups were present to discuss the shooting range located on the Boone County Fairgrounds. John Mueller, Albion Economic Development Corporation, was also present to discuss that it is the intention of the Corporation to develop the east side of the fairgrounds which is close to the range. Denny Johnson/John Buck, Sheriff's Office, were also present to discuss the layout, who uses the range and the process for allowance to use the facility. Tom Busch, Heartland Shooting Park, was consulted and he stated that he would be sending their updated signage that the County could use as well. All materials gathered will be sent to NIRMA for evaluation on what the County's next steps will be to ensure the public's continued safety. No action take at this time.

Denny Johnson and John Buck, Sheriff's Office, were present for several items on the agenda. They were as follows:

- Boone and Nance County Dispatch Merger Agreement
  - The current agreement is expiring on June 30, 2025. Johnson stated that he has been in contact with Nance County since the beginning of the year. Nance County was looking into different counties to enter into agreements with. Johnson informed the Board that Nance County will be going forward with Howard County for their dispatching needs and that the Public Service Commission was informed since that will impact the County's 2913 funding.
    - No action was taken.
- Law Enforcement Unit – Tire Quote
  - Johnson presented a Main Street Auto Sales & Service for four tires and to mount and balance the vehicle. Everything included the quote was for \$1,015.84. Johnson stated that he may use the quote for two vehicles.
    - Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the quote from Main Street Auto Sales & Service for new tires etc. up to two law enforcement vehicles. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Law Enforcement External Vests
  - The Board approved the ordering of four vests without the bulletproof panels. Today's agenda item was to discuss the bulletproof panels, different levels and prices. Johnson stated that since the agenda was posted that he would be going with the Level 2 Panels at \$730.40 a set.
    - No action taken.
- Safety Restraint Chair
  - Johnson stated that currently the County's sheriff's office does not have a safety restraint chair and that most jails do. The unit will be used for inmates who become a danger to themselves and/or the jail cell itself. A quote from Safety Restraint Chair Inc. was presented for the Board to review. For one SureGuard Safety Restraint Chair it is \$3,100.00 with a delivery charge of \$450.00. Johnson stated that if approved that he or one of his deputies will pick up the unit.
    - Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the Safety Restraint Chair Inc quote of \$3,100.00 as presented and not including the delivery fee. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Lightbar and Pathway Controller for Law Enforcement Vehicle
  - Johnson presented a quote from Jones Automotive for a lightbar and pathway controller for his next law enforcement unit. He has not ordered one to date, but the units came on sale and it will be used once the new vehicle is ordered/delivered.
    - Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the Jones Automotive quote for approximately a total of \$2,233.13 (Reliant Lightbar-\$1,479.83/Pathway-\$653.30/Shipping & Handling-\$100.00) as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At the February 10, 2025 meeting it was approved to advertise a part-time (up to 29 hours per week) at \$15.00/hour on Indeed and in the local newspaper until filled. To date there was one application, but the applicant had found other employment and withdrew his application. No other applications have been received. The Board discussed changing the position to a full-time position (40 hours per week) at \$17.50/hour to be advertised on Indeed and the local newspapers. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to change the Road Administrator position from part-time to full-time up to 40 hours per week with compensation being \$17.50 per hour, to be advertised in the Albion News/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press for two weeks and on Indeed. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mueller & Honcik PC submitted an agreement to the County for Budget preparation services for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for approximately \$4,450-4,850 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Victoria Olson, Zoning Administrator, was present to discuss the Zoning/Roads copier/printer. She was notified that her current lease through OneOffice Solutions is months away from expiring. At that time, she would have the chance to buy out her current unit or to look at other printers. Through OneOffice Solutions she was presented with a new lease for 63 months at \$136 per month-this includes buying out the current lease. To buyout the current lease and buy a new unit the cost would be \$5,136.24. A new unit by itself would be \$4,091.00. The Board and Olson discussed the different options presented and Olson will budget for a new unit in the next fiscal year. No action taken.

The paperwork for the Round 2 of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant reimbursement was presented for the Board to review. The County submitted the following for Round 2: Remote Monitoring and Management, AntiVirus/EDR/SOC, Cloud Services and Server BCDR, Advanced Email Security and Phishing Simulation, SIEM, Network Monitoring, Cybersecurity Related Hardware and Implementation Services. This round was an 80/20 cost share grant and the County is eligible for reimbursement of \$15,052.00. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorized the Chairman to sign the Round 2 State and Local Cybersecurity Sub-Recipient Agreement and authorize the County Treasurer to sign the ACH enrollment form as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An NMC Exchange LLC Customer Value Agreement was presented for the Board to review. It is for a machine in District 3, Unit 1-36. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorize the Chairman to sign the Customer Value agreement for approximately \$3,547.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, discussed the camera system and access levels.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, asked the Board to reach out to other counties to see which Vendor they use for their Courthouse flags.
- The Board discussed options regarding a straight truck that is still at Neidhardt's until a decision is made.
- Discussed the shared 340<sup>th</sup> Avenue road project with Madison County – the Board has heard some feedback from residents and will be talking to Madison County representatives.
- Commissioner Lindgren attended the Boone County Health Center meeting.
- Discussed the natural disaster announcement from Governor Pillen's office – the Board felt that the Emergency Manager would update the Board if anything was eligible in Boone County.
- There was an update on the new County website that will be launching soon and is sponsored/designed by MIPS, Inc.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:36 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,  
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

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Jon Lindgren, Chairman