

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 21, 2025                      ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 21, 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 July 16, 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, July 18, 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 July 14, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the County Board of Equalization Meeting Proceedings of July 14, 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 Hearing Proceedings of July 14, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chuck Rolf, Boone County Ag Society, was present to further discuss the 2025-2026 levy allocation request. The Board discussed the monthly reports received to show use of taxpayer money and what the increased funds would be used for. Rolf explained the planned capital improvement plans that the funds are earmarked for. The Board stated that this increase of \$110,000.00 between fiscal years should not be expected every new budget. No action was taken with the levy allocation request.

Boone County Roads District Foremen's, Kent Hamilton, Jack Nordeen, and Brent Pribnow, were present to present the general road report. The following was discussed:

- Discussed bids for motor graders. Currently the only state bid that has been received was from CATS/NMC Exchange LLC. John Deere was contacted for a state bid but none have been received yet.
- Discussed road conditions:
  - Is gravel or road maintenance the priority?
    - The Board felt that the roads/ditch cleanout was the priority.
  - The number of employees it takes to do bigger road projects.
  - Discussed collective response to received complaints from residents.
    - What can the county do to improve the situation.
- Discussed equipment that may need repairs or just be replaced.

Motion made by Niewohner, seconded by Lindgren to approve the general road report. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It shall also be the duty of the County Board of each county of this state to visit the jail of its county per Nebraska State Statute § 47-109. The Board conducted a routine walk through visit of the Boone County Jail per Nebraska State Statute.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, presented their 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Office Quarterly report for the Board to review:

- April Total - \$4,058.42
- May Total - \$3,122.48
- June Total - \$3,744.06

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept and approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - Office Quarterly report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rick Martinsen, Mueller & Honcik PC, was present to discuss the 2025-2026 preliminary budget with the Board. Martinsen stated that the tax request is less than the 2024-2025 request of \$256,167.00 and he asked if some offices was strict with their requests. The Board felt that a few budgets could be expanded to account for upcoming projects in the next year. The offices will be contacted to update the requested amounts and the budget will be represented at the July 28, 2025 meeting. No action taken.

A continuation of the County's Zelle Human Resource Solution Agreement was presented for the Board to review. This would continue the County's HR assistance with recruitment, termination, policy, FMLA/General Leave, and Department of Labor for another fiscal year at \$2,625.00 per month. Motion made Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement continuation as presented and stated above. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The annual Federal Funds Purchase Program Agreement certification for the Board to review. The certification is for funds used between July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, and Boone County did not use any STP or HBP funds for the last fiscal year. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve and authorize the County Highway Superintendent to sign the certification as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Discussed a Special Designated Liquor License that due to a miscommunication was left off of the agenda, but will be formally presented at the July 28, 2025 meeting.
- Commissioner Niewohner will be attending the East Central Health District meeting.
- Commissioner Lindgren will be attended the Region 4 Behavioral Health and Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging meetings and also met with the NIRMA representative at the Boone County Shooting Range.
  - Boone County Shooting Range will need to be addressed in the future regarding signage and possible dirt work.
- Commissioner Yosten will be attending the Boone County Ag Society and Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services meetings.
- Discussed the District 1 breakroom in the County road shop.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 2:56 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

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Jon Lindgren, Chairman