

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JULY 28, 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 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 July 23, 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 25, 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 July 21, 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 July 21, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the County Board of Equalization Final Proceedings of July 21, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of June 22, 2025 through July 21, 2025. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$147,232.99; BCBS \$58,305.07; Ameritas Ret \$10,489.84; EFTPS \$10,880.84; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$127.50; HRA Admin Fees \$261.00; Funded HRA Fees \$4,171.00; Life Insurance Admin Fees \$90.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$1,053.79; Wellness Program \$148.00; Road \$75,945.34; BCBS \$19,324.10; Ameritas Ret \$4,964.32; EFTPS \$5,732.99; HRA Admin Fees \$99.00; Funded HRA Fees \$1,417.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$1,449.30; Ambulance \$6,491.44; Ameritas Ret \$156.93; EFTPS \$496.60. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer submitted to the Board a list of delinquent 2021 real estate taxes not sold at the tax sale held in March 2025 as per Nebraska State Statute. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve Resolution No. 2025-14, hereby directing the Boone County Treasurer to issue Treasurer's Certificates of Tax Sale in favor of Boone County on all parcels of real estate with delinquent real estate taxes for 2021 and subsequent years offered for sale for less than three consecutive years that were not sold for want of bidders as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rick Martinsen, Mueller & Honcik PC, discussed the preliminary 2025-2026 County Budget with the Board that was submitted by the county departments. The overall tax asking amount was the same as fiscal year 2024-2025. The Inheritance Tax Fund has been used for several years to reduce the county's property tax request, resulting in a low levy. The Board expressed their concerns regarding the continued push from Legislature to eliminate the Inheritance Tax revenue counties receive. The Board reviewed the adjusted preliminary budget that was presented at the July 21, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to accept and file the preliminary 2025-2026 County Budget with budget hearing dates and postcard joint public hearing dates to be discussed at the August 11, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rick Martinsen, Mueller & Honcik PC, stated that the Board should hold off setting the budget hearing date until the County Assessor has a preliminary county valuation to help calculate and work into the 2025-2026 Budget. This will be readdressed at the August 11, 2025 meeting – no action taken.

Jayden Eastman, TextMyGov, presented a demonstration via Zoom to the Board and Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, for a push notification system. The Board questioned how once the phone information is pooled from USPS records, through a contract between TextMyGov and USPS, how would the County notify their residents. TextMyGov would also install a widget on the County's website to offer manual enrollment as well. Johnson stated that he wanted to reach out to a few counties before the Board decides anything. No action taken at this time.

Purdue and Sackler Family Opioid Settlement is in the process of settlement negotiations and the County is eligible for funds. The Attorney General's office was contacted to confirm that the County will be able to reallocate any funds to the Region 4 Behavioral Health Opioid Recovery Fund. It is their understanding that this would be allowable. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Participation and Release Form for the Purdue and Sackler Family Opioid Settlement. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Council Holding Co of Elgin/Knights of Columbus applied for a Special Designated License (SDL) for August 2, 2025. The Board reviewed the application for Special Designated License (SDL) for a wedding reception at the Raeville Parish Hall, South R Road, Petersburg, Nebraska. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the Application for Special Designated Liquor License request from The Council Holding Co of Elgin/Knights of Columbus for a wedding reception to be held at the Raeville Parish Hall in Petersburg, NE on August 2, 2025 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent, presented a Sandhills Weed Management Area (SWMA) Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. Valladao stated that the SWMA had purchased a Bobcat Track Loader, Forestry Cutter, Notch Dual Grapple, Hydra Clip Shear Wire Mesh Guard, Travalong Gooseneck Trailer. All of the equipment is approximately valued at \$173,096.00 and the agreement states that any damage that is caused by my use of the equipment shall be the sole expense of the Boone County to repair such damage to the equipment and bring it back to the condition it was prior to being damaged. This paragraph worried the Commissioners on how our NIRMA liability coverage would affect the equipment being covered if and when an applicable project was being performed in Boone. The Board felt that they needed to follow up with NIRMA before taking any action. To be further discussed at the August 11, 2025 meeting.

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 a request for advertisement funding. Petersburg Community Club requested assistance to advertise the Community Christmas Party event scheduled for December 15, 2025. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from Petersburg Community Club for the Community Christmas Party event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Contractual Interest Statement, NADC Form C-3, for between the County of Boone and SIDUMP'R Trailers was presented for review for the remainder of 2025 calendar year. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to accept the NADC Form C-3's as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

The Village of Petersburg Village Hall changed locations since their last renewal registration with SAM.gov. Due to the change in information a Certificate of Good Standing is needed for the update in registration to be complete. The Village Clerk contacted the Secretary of State, but they only issue certificates to city's not villages – villages are done on the County level only. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Good Standing on behalf of the Village of Petersburg for SAM.gov registration purposes. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss three agenda items and they were as follows:

- 240th Street Culvert (C6(415)) road project:
 - A permanent easement agreement containing 1.308 acres and temporary easement agreement containing 0.478 acres was needed for this project from MSJM Properties Partnership. An Easement Deed will be filed in the Register of Deeds Office to coincide with the permanent easement.
 - A permanent easement agreement containing 0.123 acres was needed for this project from Linda Henggeler. An Easement Deed will be filed in the Register of Deeds Office to coincide with the permanent easement.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to authorize the Chairman to sign the two permanent easement agreements and one temporary easement agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

- The Albion Northwest road project, also known as the (C6(415)), is now ready for advertisement. McDonald asked the Board to authorize the County Clerk's office to advertise for sealed bids for the Albion Northwest road project.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for the Albion Northwest road project on 8/06, 8/13, 8/20/2025 that will be opened on August 27, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- General update:
 - Working on getting the foremen/board highlighted areas surveyed to determine what projects will be needed.
 - Presented options for 255th Avenue and Old Mill road as micro-surfacing or asphalt overlay with micro-surfacing being approximately \$85,000/mile.

No action taken.

Public Comments:

- Discussed road employee assignments/districts and possibly reorganizing the employees.
- Commissioner Yosten reported on the Boone County Ag Society meeting.
- Discussed the shooting range assessment from NIRMA. This will need to be rediscussed as an agenda item at a later date.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 2:02 P.M. with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman