

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JULY 14, 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 14, 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 8, 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 11, 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 Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of June 25, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the County Board of Equalization Proceedings of June 25, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the County Board-Conditional Use Permit Proceedings-Iburg of June 25, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board-Conditional Use Permit Proceedings-Loeffler of June 25, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the County Board-Conditional Use Permit Proceedings-Loeffler of June 25, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the County Board-Conditional Use Permit Proceedings-Skyward Landing Services of June 25, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Treasurer submitted a Semiannual Statement for January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to accept and approve the County Treasurer's Semiannual Statement as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk and County Treasurer submitted copies of pledged securities (collateral) for their respective offices as of June 30, 2025. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to acknowledge and approve the pledged securities (collateral) as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Clerk submitted a Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for fiscal year end June 30, 2025. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept and approve as presented the County Clerk/Register of Deeds 2024-2025 fiscal year-end report. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-42 was approved November 15, 2021 to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer the accrued interest from the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the General Fund (0100) on an as needed basis. The County Treasurer presented June 2025's accrued interest for the amount to be moved through the vendor process. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to authorize the transfer of accrued interest from the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the General Fund (0100) in the amount of \$2,370.58. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for Vendor #1806, White Star Oil Company LLC: General-\$997.45, Roads-\$6,777.84 and Ambulance-\$612.63. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General-\$77,637.44; Road-\$234,905.96; ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund (1150)-\$236.99; Covid America Rescue Plan Fund (2580)-\$2,370.58; 911 Emergency Management (2910)-\$471.55; 911 Wireless Service (2913)-\$637.86; and Ambulance (5502)-\$6,856.13. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the following reports of the County Officials as presented for June 2025:

- Clerk - \$13,286.00 (State of Nebraska \$7,708.97)(County of Boone \$5,577.03)
- District Court - \$103.70 (State of Nebraska \$90.00)(County of Boone \$13.70)
- Sheriff - \$924.06
- Zoning - \$642.50
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 22149-22214 - \$728,590.30
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$1,104,482.70

Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Heidi Borg, Congressman Smith Representative, was present to visit with the Board. Borg outlined some of the issues that the Congressman was involved in and went through her area of expertise. Borg stated that she would be onsite for one hour following the Commissioner's meeting for anyone from the public to come in and discuss concerns. The Board thanked Borg for her presentation. No action taken.

With the adoption of LB644, each county is required to designate a print shop to receive the County's parcel, district and hearing information; print the postcards and then mail the postcards to the landowners. Some landowners will receive several postcards since they own several parcels. Each will contain the hearing for their parcel's School District, City and County hearing information. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to designate the MIPS Print Shop as the printing service for the 2025-2026 fiscal year joint public hearing process. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Quotes were received for the District 3 road shop door and window repair. They were as follows:

Vendor	Material	Labor	Total
Delgado Cortez Construction LLC	\$8,610.00	\$4,875.00	\$13,485.00
Aschoff Construction Inc	\$23,656.00	Included	\$23,656.00

The Delgado quote includes 2 Outwing Flush Steel doors, 9 Single hung/white windows, and 1 half glass Outwing Flush steel door. The Aschoff quote includes 9 white vinyl windows and 3 heavy duty closure doors. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept the Delgado Cortez Construction LLC quote for approximately \$13,485.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A District 3 semi-truck trailer quote for repair was presented and was as follows:

Vendor	Equipment	Cost
Cornhusker International Trucks	2020 International Semi	\$5,496.20
Cornhusker International Trucks	2021 Trailer	\$1,345.50

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the repair quote from Cornhusker International Trucks for a total approximate cost of \$6,841.70. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, was present to discuss the fire alarm system that the County Sheriff monitors and retains reports on. The system has not been updated in recent memory and documentation on the system was not found before this meeting. The two remaining entities that use the system are the Boone County Health Center and the Wolf Memorial Good Samaritan Home. Nelson stated that there are two different systems that the current system could be upgraded to and they are digital dialer and cell dialer. There are pros and cons to each, but the cost would be extensive. The current system is obsolete and experiences technical issues sometimes due to weather conditions. The Board felt that if the two entities want to stay with the County, the upgrade and future monitoring costs would be assessed to them for those services. The Board will be inviting representatives to both entities to discuss further at a future board meeting. No action taken at this time.

At the June 25, 2025 meeting the Fairgrounds road was discussed and Chuck Rolf, Boone County Ag Society, asked if the County could acquire some patching material for the Ag Society to purchase. The County has ordered the requested material and will bill out an invoice for the used bags up to 20. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to allow the Boone County Ag Society to buy up to 20 bags of County purchased patching road materials to be invoiced upon use. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner 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 a request for advertisement funding. Primrose Rural Volunteer Fire Department requested assistance to advertise the Primrose Rural Volunteer Fire Department Car Show event scheduled for August 10, 2025. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the application requesting funding assistance from Primrose Rural Volunteer Fire Department for the Primrose Rural Volunteer Fire Department Car Show event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

American Legion Tomek Post 72 applied for a Special Designated License (SDL) for August 9, 2025. The Board reviewed the application for Special Designated License (SDL) for a wedding reception at the Creek Road Barn, 1846 330th Ave, Newman Grove, Nebraska. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the Application for Special Designated Liquor License request from American Legion Tomek Post 72 for a wedding reception to be held at the Creek Road Barn in Newman Grove, NE on August 9, 2025 as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, and Laurie Krohn, County Treasurer, submitted a Distress Warrant Report regarding the 2023 personal property taxes. The distress warrants that were issued in November 2024, were all collected by the County Sheriff's office and returned back to the County Treasurer's office on June 30, 2025. The total collected on twenty-four distress warrants without penalties was \$6,187.50. The total collected on twenty-three distress warrants with penalties was \$6,419.04. There was one distress warrant unpaid/unsettled as of June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$51.68. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to accept and approve the County Sheriff and Treasurer's Distress Warrant Report as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 fiscal year-end Boone County Ambulance Services report. The Boone County Ambulance beginning fund balance revenue \$334,028.67; receipted revenue \$256,381.03; expenses \$155,084.24; and a balance as of June 30, 2025 of \$436,775.59. The Ambulance Service Fund (5502) has no levy to receive taxes. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to accept and approve as presented the Boone County Ambulance Service 2024-2025 fiscal year-end report. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sarah Robinson, County Clerk, presented the 2026-2031 Electronic Registration System (ERS II) Agreement. The Agreement is entered into by and between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) of the State of Nebraska and Boone County Clerk of Albion, Nebraska. The Agreement concerns the utilization of the ERS II for completing electronic marriage data and transmitting such data to the NDHHS as required by Nebraska State Statute. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve and authorize the County Clerk to sign the ERS II Agreement for 2026-2031 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County has experienced high levels of rainfall this season which has proven to be detrimental to the county's roads. The Board, especially Districts 2 and 3, have received numerous calls from county residents on what the Board plans to do to fix/maintain their roads. The Board has been discussing several ideas when brought up in public comments or by the public and one of the ideas was to change the job requirement to longer working days until the road work was caught up. Currently 2 of the 3 districts are already working extended hours on a voluntary basis. Making this change mandatory would change the amount of work week hours and how much benefit hours would be needed if they were gone for one day. The Board felt that not all of the employees would be willing to meet the new mandatory department requirement. No action taken at this time, but this issue will continue to be discussed.

The Gravel Stockpile/Road Delivery Contract was represented for the Board to review. The Board wanted this to be further discussed to meet the needs of all three districts. The agreement would authorize a gravel vendor to deliver to specified location and be supplied with a map for delivery location. The Board will approach a few gravel vendors to see if this agreement would be something they would be willing to sign and reapproach this topic at that time. No action taken.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the County Bridge Matching Program projects that have been completed in Boone County. McDonald stated that the projects for Structure Numbers C000611815 and C000601410 have been completed and that the County can expect a reimbursement of \$258,500.00. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve Resolution No. 2025-13, regarding the completion of the County Bridge Matching Program projects as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, asked the Board to authorize the County Clerk's office to advertise for sealed bids for the Loretto Bridge repair project. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for the Loretto Bridge repair project on 7/23, 7/30 and 8/06/2025 that will be opened on August 11, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, JEO Consulting Group, asked the Board to authorize the County Clerk's office to advertise for sealed bids for the Petersburg East Bank Stabilization project. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for the Petersburg East Bank Stabilization project on 7/23, 7/30 and 8/06/2025 that will be opened on August 11, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the county's current right of way permit resolution/application regarding bigger projects. McDonald didn't feel that the current permit was fully protecting the county against projects of bigger size/scope. The Board reviewed a NIRMA and county permit hybrid that would be used going forward for bigger projects. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the budget process in general and would review the submitted budgets more thoroughly. The 2025-2026 budget would be further discussed at the July 21, 2025 meeting. No action taken at this time.

Public Comments:

- A county resident was present at the beginning of the Board meeting to discuss the county roads and what the County's plans were to get them back to passable roads.
- Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, updated the board on some upcoming projects and road issues that were brought to his attention by the road foremen.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, let the Board know that he will be taking vacation September 2-5, 2025 and that the Board will need to find someone to cover the basic maintenance needs.
- Discussed a NIRMA safety representative follow up after the CPR/Stop the Bleed training.
- Commissioner Yosten will be attending the Boone County Development Agency and the Boone County Historical Society meetings.
- Commissioner Lindgren will be attending the Region 4 Behavioral Health meeting.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 2:36 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman