

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, September 8, 2025 after the conclusion of the Budget Hearing that concluded at 8:57 A.M. 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 September 3, 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, September 5, 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 Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of August 27, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the County Board Shively Public Hearing Proceedings of August 27, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the County Board Pelster Public Hearing Proceedings of August 27, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the County Board Jensen Public Hearing Proceedings of August 27, 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 Anderson Public Hearing Proceedings of August 27, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. 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 August 2025's accrued interest for the amount to be moved through the vendor process. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorize the transfer of accrued interest from the Covid American Rescue Plan Fund (2580) to the General Fund (0100) in the amount of \$2,193.28. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

With the termination of County Employee(s), the County is required by statute to process their payroll in a timely manner, even if it means doing it out of a payroll cycle. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the payroll claim filed for payment on the General Fund for the gross amount of \$899.62 with the withholding amounts being included in the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims also presented and approved today. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General - \$47,988.59; Road - \$258,088.10; Visitor Promotion Fund (0990) - \$1,000.00; ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund (1150) - \$236.99; APRA Fund (2580) - \$2,193.28; Inheritance Tax Fund (2700) - \$78,156.00; 911 Emergency Management (2910) - \$472.30; 911 Wireless Service (2913) - \$522.86; and Ambulance (5502) - \$7,465.68. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- Clerk - \$4,925.75 (State of Nebraska \$2,199.81)(County of Boone \$2,725.94)
- District Court - \$746.76 (State of Nebraska \$535.00)(County of Boone \$211.76)
- Sheriff - \$368.00
- Zoning - \$628.66
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 22310-22385 - \$346,277.91
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$3,831,387.87

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

Quotes for a new roads department pickup for District 1 and they were as follows:

Schalk Auto Inc	2019 F-250 Super Duty	\$27,995.00 (\$32,000 with a new Bradford bed)
Schalk Auto Inc	2024 F-350 Super Duty	\$52,995.00
Janssen & SonsAuto	2025 F-350 XLT	\$56,605.00
Platte Valley Auto	2019 F-250 XL	\$38,950.00
Gene Steffy Ford	2025 F-250 XLT	\$47,455.00

The Board discussed the need for the new pickup and it was said that it is needed to pull a gooseneck trailer that will be loaded with the skid steer in District 1. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve and accept the quote from Schalk Auto Inc for the 2019 Ford F-250 with the bed add-on for approximately \$32,000.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Sourcewell quotes received from Eddie Bomar-NMC Exchange LLC and Jake Ryba-Murphy Tractor & Equipment/John Deere were presented first at the August 15 and August 27, 2025 meetings. Further consideration was needed to review the bids submitted and the new bids for two units to be purchased were as follows:

Entity	Quote	Product	Trade In	Total
John Deere	Quote 33072274	John Deere 872 P-Tier Motor Grader	\$94,000.00	\$338,970.00
John Deere	Quote 33072274	John Deere 872 P-Tier Motor Grader	\$54,500.00	\$378,470.00
NMC Exchange LLC	QTO107465-3	160 15B AWD Motor Grader	\$157,500.00	\$323,800.00
NMC Exchange LLC	QTO110610-1	160 15B AWD Motor Grader	\$54,500.00	\$429,675.00

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to authorize the chairman to sign and approve the two Sourcewell (Heavy 011723-CAT) quotes- QTO107465-3 for \$323,800.00 and QTO110610-1 for \$429,675.00 as presented with the condition that Bomar is to contact the district foremen where the units are going for specifications. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The quotes received on August 27, 2025 for semi tractors were not Sourcewell quotes, and the vendor was contacted. The vendor stated that they would be submitting Sourcewell quotes by email, but they have not received them. The Board decided not to take action with or move forward with this item at this time.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to table the discussion regarding the County Burial policy to September 15, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent, updated the Board on previously received weed complaint.
- Eddie Bomar, NMC Exchange LLC, explained to the Board that if the County didn't want to pay for new machinery units outright that NMC does have a financial plan that other counties have taken advantage of.
- District 3 foreman updated the Board on collecting reclaimers/retrievers for the road department.
 - Board discussed the number needed in each district.
- Discussed road department employees, advertising, and possible movement of employees between districts.
- Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to open executive session per Open Meeting Act §84-1410, pertaining to the prevention of needless injury of an individual's reputation at 10:38 A.M. to include the Road Administrator, Zoning Administrator, County Clerk, Commissioner Lindgren, Commissioner Yosten and Commissioner Niewohner. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to close the executive session at 10:54 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Sarah Robinson, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS 2025-2026 COUNTY BUDGET

Jon Lindgren, Chairman of the Boone County Board of Commissioners, called for a motion to open a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 8:30 A.M. in the Boone County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room in Albion, Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Lindgren, second by Commissioner Yosten to open said public hearing. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication in the Albion News and Boone County Tribune on September 3, 2025 and the convened hearing was open to the public.

Commissioners present for said public hearing were Jon Lindgren, Brian J. Yosten and Matt Niewohner. Chairman Lindgren read the notice for the record. Rick Martinsen, CPA, for Mueller & Honcik, P.C., was present to answer budget questions. One member of the public was present for the budget hearing. Chairman Lindgren noted that the Open Meeting Laws are posted and available to the public.

The member of the public that was present wanted to discuss a matter in public comments during the Board's regular meeting and did not have a comment on the County Budget.

The public hearing was for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2025-2026 Boone County proposed budget in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513. The hearing was over the proposed budget that was published in the Wednesday, September 3, 2025 issue of the Albion News/Boone County Tribune, Albion, Nebraska.

Richard Martinsen, CPA, for Mueller & Honcik, P.C., prepared the budget documents for fiscal year 2025-2026. The County Board discussed with Martinsen the differences from last year's fiscal budget. Martinsen provided answers to questions asked regarding the proposed budget and publication. The proposed property tax request for 2025-2026 is \$4,762,732.00, which is no different from the 2024-2025 property tax request of \$4,762,732.00, no increase or decrease from the prior fiscal year. The 2025-2026 total budget is \$91,252,701.00 which is an increase of \$9,464,183.00 from 2024-2025 total budget of \$81,788,518.00. The unused budget authority would be \$499,954.00.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to close said public hearing at 8:57 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sarah Robinson,
Boone County Clerk

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Jon Lindgren, Chairman