

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 29, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 29, 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 October 22, 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 Monday, October 27, 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 October 20, 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 Board of Equalization Tax Levy Hearing Proceedings of October 20, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the County Payroll Claims filed for the pay period of September 22, 2025 through October 21, 2025. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$138,445.44; BCBS \$49,237.51; Ameritas Ret \$9,793.45 ; EFTPS \$10,264.39; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$112.50; HRA Admin Fees \$234.00; Funded HRA Fees \$3,652.00; Life Insurance Admin Fees \$82.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$6,651.45; Wellness Program \$111.00; Road \$89,042.66; BCBS \$21,440.47; Ameritas Ret \$5,848.39; EFTPS \$6,728.44; HRA Admin Fees \$108.00; Funded HRA Fees \$1,494.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$0.00; Ambulance \$4,086.68; Ameritas Ret \$99.90; EFTPS \$312.64. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the prior year's expenditures for employee recognition. The consensus of the Board is that each elected official and full-time employee shall receive a certificate for food items, no alcohol, tobacco or non-food items not to exceed \$35.00 which they may redeem at any of the participating grocery stores. The certificates are to be included with the employees' November payroll information. The certificates would have to be redeemed on or before December 31, 2025. Any amount over \$35.00 would be at the expense of the employee. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the expenditure of \$35.00 per elected official and full-time employee towards the purchase of food items, no alcohol, tobacco or non-food items in the form of a certificate to be redeemable at participating grocery stores on or before December 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rori Erickson was present to continue discussion for a County Dog Park. Erickson last discussed this project with the Board at the October 21, 2024 meeting. Erickson stated the location in mind is the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 20, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M. Erickson informed the board that funding for the park had been secured between donations and a grant and that they are ready to start building, but the location for the dog park had not been secured. Erickson asked the board to reconsider their previous denial of leasing County Owned property. Motion by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to table the decision on lease possibilities pending further research and to be discussed at the November 10, 2025, meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Caleb Poore, Boone County Health Center, was unable to attend the meeting to discuss agenda item number 7 regarding the renewal of the hospital license for the Boone County Health Center. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to table the hospital license renewal until the November 10, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rita Liss, Boone County Health Center CFO, presented the Boone County Health Center statement of operations budget for their fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 to the Board. Liss reviewed the budget with the Board and explained that areas of the anticipated operating revenue of \$54,052,052.00, with operating expenses of \$53,934,130.00, leaving an increase in net position of \$117,922.00. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to accept the Boone County Health Center 2025-2026 operations budget as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rita Liss and Geoff McGill, Boone County Health Center, and Gina Rankin, Good Samaritan Estates, updated the board on their plans for the Fire Alarm System currently monitored by the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Both facilities plan to change to different systems that will be monitored by other agencies. They will inform the Sheriff's Office when the systems have been changed. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to accept the change of the Fire Alarm System for Boone County Health Center and Good Samaritan Estates to no longer be monitored by the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received a general assistance request for a utility payment. The Board reviewed the information provided with the applicant and recommended the applicant to reach out to County Veteran's Service Office regarding their discretionary fund. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to deny the general assistance request. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Discussed roads concerns received from citizens.
- Introduction of Abbey DeBoyes, who will be starting as court appointed counsel.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, updated the board about the findings of the Fire Marshall during the jail visit and the plans to remediate the findings.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, discussed the backup generator located on courthouse property and the possibility of looking at trading in for a natural gas generator instead.
- Commissioner Yosten updated that the propane tanks at the Cedar Rapids shop have been scheduled for repair.
- Discussed upcoming road training class and safety equipment needed.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2025.

Kate Noble,
Boone County Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kate Noble, Boone County Deputy Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman