

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 14, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 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 October 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, October 10, 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 September 26, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner. Abstain: Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the County Board Anderson Public Hearing Proceedings of September 26, 2025 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner. Abstain: Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-42 was approved on 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 September 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 \$2,358.27. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for Vendor #1806, White Star Oil Company LLC: General-\$2,878.20, Roads-\$20,749.06 and Ambulance-\$1,622.45. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

Vendor Claim for Uniform Advantage for \$249.92 was reviewed by the Board. The claim was for uniform pants for dispatchers. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten, to deny the payment of the claim due to the uniform pants are not required to be provided for dispatchers and should not be paid by the county taxpayer with the claimant being notified by letter. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to approve the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General (0100)-\$105,896.90; Road (0200)-\$413,610.13; Visitors Promotion Fund (0990)-\$500.00; ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund (1150)-\$236.99; Covid America Rescue Plan Fund (2580)-\$284,595.47; 911 Emergency Management (2910)-\$474.87; 911 Wireless Service (2913)-\$752.86; and Ambulance (5502)-\$4,840.86. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

- Clerk - \$7,630.38 (State of Nebraska \$4,088.73) (County of Boone \$3,541.65)

- District Court - \$1,668.78 (Boone County Sheriff \$41.50) (State of Nebraska \$337.00) (County of Boone \$1,290.28)
- Sheriff - \$518.43
- Zoning - \$158.44
- Treasurer - Miscellaneous Receipt Nos. 22386-22450 - \$435,231.41
- Treasurer - Total Collections - \$1,981,297.38

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

Matt Childress, Applied Connective Technologies, was present to continue discussion on internet providers for the county road shops previously discussed at the September 15, 2025 meeting. He was able to obtain additional quotes as requested. The quotes presented to the Board are as follows:

Road Location	Vendor	Internet Only	Internet Speed	Phone Only Price	Internet and Phone
St. Edward	Great Plains Communications	N/A	N/A	\$61.74 / mo	N/A
	VYVE Communications	\$85.90/mo+(\$99.95 install)	500x50	N/A	N/A
Albion-Shop	Frontier	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$247.90 / mo
	VYVE Communications	\$85.90/mo+(\$99.95 install)	500x50	N/A	N/A
	Stealth Broadband	\$99.00/mo	500X50	N/A	N/A
	Stealth Broadband	\$65.00/mo	250X25	N/A	N/A
Albion-West Yard	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	VYVE Communications	\$85.90/mo+(\$99.95 install)	500x50	N/A	N/A
	Stealth Broadband	\$99.00/mo	500X50	N/A	N/A
	Stealth Broadband	\$65.00/mo	250X25	N/A	N/A
Petersburg	Great Plains Communications	N/A	15x5	N/A	\$196.27 / mo
	Great Plains Communications	\$143.00 / mo	100x100	N/A	N/A
	Stealth Broadband	\$55.00/mo	100x25	N/A	N/A
Cedar Rapids	Great Plains Communications	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$165.53 / mo
	Great Plains Communications	\$164.00 / mo	30x5	N/A	N/A
	Stealth Broadband	\$55.00/mo	100x25	N/A	N/A

Matt also presented a supplement quote from Applied Connective Technologies to provide managed services including Firewall, Wi-Fi and Network Services, and Sip Trunk (Phone Line) for each location. This would also allow the phones at the shop locations to be tied to the courthouse phone system. The cost for these services per location is \$60/mo with a one-time hardware/set up cost of \$384.20.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve Stealth Broadband quote for Albion Shop for 250x25 for \$65.00 per month and the Albion West Yard to beam internet from the main shop, the Stealth Broadband quotes for the Petersburg and Cedar Rapids Shops for \$55.00 per month, and Applied Connective supplemental quote for \$60/mo with the one-time hardware/set up cost of \$384.20 for the Albion, Petersburg, and Cedar Rapids Shops. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Eric Henn, Applied Connective Technologies, presented the board with the only quote received for an updated phone system. This quote includes Grandstream SIP Telephones and Software, Wall Kits, Patch Cord, Port Switch, and installation services for approximately \$19,649.00. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve Applied Connective Technologies quote for approximately \$19,649.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Andy Forney, D.A. Davidson & Co provided the Board with a Financial Update for Boone County including taxable value history and the outstanding bond debt. Overall, the county is in a good position with the increasing taxable valuation and the lowering of bond debt. He also explained the NACO Lease Purchase program and how other counties are using this for larger purchases. The board thanked Andy for his presentation. No action taken.

Rick Esch, United Lubricants/Growmark Lubricants, discussed their bulk oil/fluid products and the comparability to name brand products. Rick also introduced Jared Baumann, Meisinger Oil Company, who would be the local sales provider for United products. Jared provided the board with pricing information for a variety of United products. The board thanked Rick and Jared for their information and wanted to further investigate comparable pricing and bulk oil/fluid needs based on each shop. No action taken at this time.

The Board reviewed a Muller & Honcik PC quote and agreement for services related to 1099 preparation and W-2/1095 submissions. The quote received was as follows:

- **1096/1099 Preparation & Submittal-** \$75 for each 1096 and initial 5 1099's related to that 1096. \$10 for each additional 1099
- **1095's (Health Insurance) Preparation & Submittal-** \$1,150 to enter and transmit 1095 information
- **W-2/W-3 Transmissions-** \$1,425 to enter and transmit W-2 wage information.

Motion Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the Muller & Honcik PC quote as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the engagement letter. Roll call vote: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mike Storjohann, Turnkey Telecom Solutions/Stealth Broadband, updated the board on the progress with the fiber optic projects within Boone County. He also presented a project sketch for placing an equipment vault within the Courthouse block (Block 13, Original Town, Albion) and boring fiber optic cable to and from the box. The box will be located on the lawn south of the sidewalk on Church Street. The cable bore from the box to the courthouse will also have access to the basement mechanical room. Motion by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the project as presented. Roll call vote: Lindgren, Niewohner, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2025-51, regarding telecommunication lines to be placed by MidStates Data Transport underneath County ROW and on Fairgrounds property all in Section 28, Township 20 North, Range 6 West of the 6th P.M. was presented for the Board to review. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve Resolution No. 2025-51 as presented pursuant to final review by Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent. Roll call vote: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board received and reviewed two quotes for copy paper for the courthouse. The quote request was for 30 cases of no less than 96 bright and no less than 20 lb. paper. A case of copy paper is 10 reams/5,000 sheets. The quotes received were: One Office Solution - \$38.50 per case; and Eakes Office Solutions - \$47.99 per case. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to accept the copy paper quote from One Office Solutions and approve ordering the thirty cases as one order at \$38.50 per case. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

One Extension Board member's term will be ending at the end of December 2025. The Board reviewed a notice for the paper to advertise for that position to be filled. Applications will be due back in the Boone or Nance County Extension Offices by 4:00 P.M. on November 1, 2025. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the County Clerk to advertise the Extension Board vacancy for two weeks in the Albion News/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a written resignation from the Elected Official position of County Clerk, Sarah Robinson. Sarah will stay on as a part-time employee of the office. The Board thanked Robinson for her years of service to Boone County. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to accept the written resignation from the Elected Official position by Sarah Robinson effective October 31, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Victoria Olson, Zoning Administrator, presented a quote from Applied Connective Technologies for Dell Pro 16 Plus Laptop, Dell Pro Dock, and Logitech Combo Wireless Keyboard and Mouse. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten, to approve the Applied Connective quote for approximately \$1,645.90 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An NMC Exchange LLC Customer Value Agreement was presented to the Board for review. It is for a machine in District 3, Unit 1-37. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to authorize the Chairman to sign the Customer Value agreement for approximately \$1,512.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

An NMC Exchange LLC Customer Value Agreement was presented to the Board for review. It is for a machine in District 2, Unit 2-21. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to authorize the Chairman to sign the Customer Value agreement for approximately \$1,320.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Lisa Langan, County Courts, presented a quote from Eakes Office Solutions for two office chairs for the courtroom including assembly totaling \$944.65. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the Eakes Office quote as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren.

Public Comments:

- Discussed road concerns received from citizens.
- Robert McCurdy, Veterans Service Officer, regarding office closure next week due to online training course.
- Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent, discussed a notification received about upcoming Nebraska Department of Agriculture classes regarding new ESA-FIFRA Pesticide Labels
- Margaret Valladao, Weed Superintendent, and Board discussed trees within ditch line and notification to landowner.
- Commissioner Yosten discussed the propane tanks at the Cedar Rapids shop that have a leak. He is looking into solutions for fixing the leak or replacing the two tanks with a larger tank.
- Commissioner Yosten also discussed the shop heater not functioning at the Cedar Rapids shop and working to have it repaired.
- Discuss road employee locations and shifting personnel between shops.
- A county citizen discussed interaction with a road employee and safety issues on a county road.
- Commissioner Niewohner will not be able to attend the East Central Health District meeting.
- Commissioner Yosten will attend the Boone County Development Agency and Juvenile Services meetings.

Vice Chairman Yosten declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2025.

Kate Noble,
Boone County Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kate Noble, Boone County Deputy Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman