

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 15, 2025 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, December 15, 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 December 10, 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, December 12, 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 Yosten to approve the County Board Proceedings of December 8, 2025, as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Matt Childress, Applied Connective, was unable to attend the meeting to discuss quotes received for Dist. #1 Road Shop internet pole but did send the quotes to the County Clerk for the Board to review. Previously the Board had approved Stealth Broadband quote for internet at the Dist. #1 road shop, but during installation site line could not be established and a 40-foot pole would need to be installed. Two quotes were received for the pole and installation.

- Schmader Electric Construction Co Inc \$1,850.00
- JP Electric \$2,800.00

Motion by Yosten, second by Lindgren to accept the Schmader Electric quote for approximately \$1,850.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation, needs the County Board to designate the official county newspaper(s) in order to comply with state statute when advertising their projects for bids in the county. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to designate the official county newspapers for 2026 to include the Albion News/Boone County Tribune and Petersburg Press. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Revised Statute §23-1114 provides that "The salaries of all elected officers of the county shall be fixed by the county board prior to January 15th of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices." The General Election is to be held in 2026, the elective county offices to be on the ballot are County Commissioner for District Nos. 1 and 3, Assessor, Attorney, Clerk, Treasurer, Sheriff and Surveyor. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve Resolution No. 2025-53, setting the elected salaries as follows:

	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	<u>2029</u>	<u>2030</u>
Assessor	\$78,480.00	\$84,960.00	\$91,440.00	\$97,920.00
Clerk	\$78,480.00	\$84,960.00	\$91,440.00	\$97,920.00
Treasurer	\$78,480.00	\$84,960.00	\$91,440.00	\$97,920.00

Attorney-PT	\$78,480.00	\$84,960.00	\$91,440.00	\$97,920.00
Sheriff	\$98,100.00	\$106,200.00	\$114,300.00	\$122,400.00
Surveyor	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Commissioner	\$28,800.00	\$28,800.00		

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

The Board in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute §77-2318 approves the applications and authorizes the deposit of county funds in designated banks as County Depositories each year. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve as written Resolution No. 2025-54 to accept and approve the written applications of the following designated County Depositories of the County Funds for calendar year 2025: Boone County Bank, a division of Madison County Bank, Albion; Cedar Rapids State Bank, Cedar Rapids and Petersburg; Cornerstone Bank, York and Albion and St. Edward Branches; First Bank & Trust of Fullerton, St. Edward Branch; Great Plains State Bank, Petersburg; Homestead Bank of Cozad, Albion Branch, NPAIT, Lincoln, NE; Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln, NE; and Premier Bank National Association, Omaha, NE. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board previously opened applications received for the County Attorney vacancy during the December 8th, 2025 meeting. The Board interviewed Abbey DeBoyes, applicant, for the County Attorney vacancy. No action taken.

Due to the vacancy, a new County Attorney will need to be appointed. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to appoint Abbey DeBoyes to fulfill the remainder of John Morgan's term ending January 7, 2027. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A Memorandum of Understanding for the Community Based Juvenile Services Grant with Madison County for the period of 2026-2027 for the Board's review. This would just be continuing a previous agreement that the County has participated in in the past. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve and authorize the Chairman and County Attorney to sign the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, was present to discuss the Boone/Nance County Extension Board recommendation for the vacancies that were left by Ryan Neidhardt's end of term. The vacancy was advertised and applications were taken for applicants to be interviewed. Pritchard presented Ryan Neidhardt to be re-appointed to fill the vacancy. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the re-appointment of Ryan Neidhardt to the Boone/Nance County Extension Board as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, discussed with the Board several possible projects for the One-and-Six Year Road plan. He also discussed one of the bridges approved for the County Bridge Match program and the Madison/Boone Counties shared road project. No action taken.

Herbst Construction Inc won the bid for the Loretto West & Petersburg East project and Payment Application No. 2 for this project was presented to the Board for review. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the Payment Application No. 2 for \$84,964.20 and to authorize payout as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Herbst Construction Inc won the bid for the Loretto West & Petersburg East project and Payment Application No. 3 for this project was presented to the Board for review. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the Payment Application No. 3 for \$79,816.05 and to authorize payout as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The County Ambulance has a Pump and Pantry Fleet Service charge card with Wex Bank for fuel purchases at Pump and Pantry locations. Wex Bank recently updated their terms and conditions to add monthly fees and other conditions. Motion by Lindgren, second by Yosten to cancel the Pump and Pantry Fleet Service charge card with Wex Bank. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Abstain: Niewohner. Motion carried.

The Board previously approved base wage increases for full-time employees at the June 9, 2025 meeting. Wage ranges for part-time employees were not set. The Board discussed wages in the following categories:

- Road Operator (Seasonal) less than 40 hours per week (6-month employment contract).
- Permanent Part Time (Roads) less than 29 hours per week.
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- Part time/As-Needed Employee (ANE) less than 19 hours per week/Or as assigned.

Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to set Part Time wages as the following for the 2026 Wage Scale: Road Operator (Seasonal) \$20.00/hour, Permanent Part Time (Roads) \$20.00/hour, Permanent Part Time \$17.00/hour, and Part Time/ As needed \$16.50/hour. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, discussed recent repairs including light outage in the Assessor's Office and Door Jam at Boone County Development Agency.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, also discussed Stealth Broadband fiber project within the Courthouse block.
- Commissioner Lindgren, Yosten, and Niewohner will be attending the Nebraska Association of County Officials Annual Conference this week.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 P.M., with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 29, 2025.

Kate Noble,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

Kate Noble, Boone County Clerk

APPROVED:

Jon Lindgren, Chairman