

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 28, 2026 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 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 January 21, 2026; 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, January 26, 2026. 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 Yosten to approve the County Board Proceedings of January 20, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The 2025-2026 County budget was adopted on September 15, 2025 and Resolution No. 2025-49 was approved on September 15, 2025 authorizing the Boone County Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) for the 2025-2026 Tax Year on an as needed basis. The transfer will be done through the Accounts Payable Vendor Claims process. Motion made by Yosten, second by Lindgren to authorize the Boone County Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$500,000.00 from the General Fund (0100) to the Road Fund (0200) through the Vendor Claims process for Transfer #3. 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 December 22, 2025 through January 21, 2026. Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the County Payroll Claims filed for payment from the various funds: General \$146,111.71; BCBS \$51,438.77; Ameritas Ret \$10,442.14; EFTPS \$10,828.93; LTD Premiums \$0.00; Section 125 Fees \$90.00; HRA Admin Fees \$234.00; Funded HRA Fees \$3,677.00; Life Insurance Admin Fees \$82.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$2,360.77; Wellness Program \$111.00; Road \$100,027.00; BCBS \$21,460.04; Ameritas Ret \$6,589.85; EFTPS \$7,582.96; HRA Admin Fees \$126.00; Funded HRA Fees \$1,757.00; BC/BS Deductible Buydown \$691.17; Ambulance \$5,617.90; Ameritas Ret \$98.74; EFTPS \$429.78. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, presented the 2025 Annual Extension Report. Pritchard reported on activities, budget and upcoming plans. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to accept the 2025 Annual Extension Report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Steve Pritchard, Extension Educator, was present to discuss their next summer intern. Pritchard is looking for a High School Senior or College Student, but finding adequate housing in the County has proven to be difficult. Pritchard would like to advertise in local newspaper for a local intern. Up to \$750.00 will be paid out of the Extension budget for the intern's compensation with the rest to be contributed by the 4H Council. Pritchard stated that the foreseeable term of internship will likely be May 18 to July 20, 2026. Pritchard will also use the same agreement as last year. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten, to authorize the Extension Office to advertise for a summer intern for the period of May 18 through July 20, 2026. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the proposed projects for the road improvement plan. They reviewed the list of projects approved on the 2025 projects and discussed bidding timelines for projects on the One Year list. The final list will be presented during the One and Six Year Road Public Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. No action taken at this time.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, presented Resolution 2026-03 which authorizes the Chairman to sign an agreement between the County of Boone and the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the County Bridge Match Program Agreement. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve Resolution No. 2026-03 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed revised 2026 County Handbook for final adoption. An error was found that needed to be corrected. Motion by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to table approval of the 2026 County Handbook until the error can be corrected and to review the final version at the February 9, 2026 commissioner meeting. Roll call vote: Lindgren, Niewohner, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Due to the revised 2026 County Handbook not being approved, Resolution 2026-04 cannot be approved for adopting the handbook. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to table Resolution 2026-04 for Handbook adoption until the final 2026 County Handbook is approved. Roll call vote: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kate Noble, County Clerk, presented an Applied Connective quote for Cybersecurity programs, Domotz Network Monitoring Device and maintenance for approximately \$15,743.92. This quote is for items eligible for reimbursement for the FY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. The County was awarded up to \$15,052.00 in reimbursement with the FY 2023 Grant. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the Applied Connective quote for approximately \$15,743.92 as presented and authorize the County Clerk to sign and to submit reimbursement to the FY 2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

The primary use of the Boone County Visitors Promotion Fund is to promote, encourage and attract visitors to come to the county through advertisement for the event. The Boone County Visitors Promotion Committee received one request for advertisement funding.

- Beaver Valley Senior Center requested assistance to advertise their Easter Bake Sale event scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd, 2026. Motion by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the application requesting funding assistance from Beaver Valley Senior Center for the Easter Bake Sale event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten, and Niewohner. Nays: None

Motion by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to advertise in the Albion News/Petersburg Press for two weeks for sealed bids for the Fairgrounds leased real estate to be submitted by 4:00 P.M. on February 18, 2026 to be opened and reviewed on Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren, and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, discussed the carpet upgrade project currently happening at the Sheriff's Office.
- Abbey DeBoyes, County Attorney, discussed office hours.
- Kate Noble, County Clerk, and Abbey DeBoyes, County Attorney, discussed information provided by the State Auditor's Office regarding Proceeding publication and requirements.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026.

Kate Noble,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

Kate Noble, Boone County Clerk

APPROVED:

Jon Lindgren, Chairman