

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
JULY 20, 2026 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 20, 2026, in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse in Albion, Nebraska.

Vice Chairman Yosten called the meeting to order, and Commissioners present for roll call were Brian J. Yosten and Matt Niewohner. Commissioner Jon Lindgren was absent. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Boone County Website-Public Notices, in the Courthouse north entrance, and at the Albion Post Office on July 15, 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 Friday, July 17, 2026. Vice Chairman Yosten 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 by Yosten, second by Niewohner to enter executive session at 9:01 a.m. per Open Meeting Act §84-1410, pertaining to the prevention of needless injury of an individual. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to close the executive session at 9:15 a.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the County Board Proceedings of July 13, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the CO2 Pipeline Regulations Public Hearing Proceedings of July 13, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

Motion made by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the Board of Equalization Public Meeting Proceedings of July 13, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

It shall also be the duty of the County Board of each county of this state to visit the jail of its county per Nebraska State Statute § 47-109. The Board conducted a routine walk through visit of the Boone County Jail per Nebraska State Statute.

Denny Johnson, County Sheriff, presented their 2nd Quarter - Office Quarterly report for the Board to review:

- April Total - \$966.58
- May Total - \$944.05
- June Total - \$9,628.87

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to accept and approve the 2nd Quarter - Office Quarterly report as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

During the October 20, 2025 meeting, Brian J. Yosten was authorized to be the Right of Way purchase negotiator for the 315th Street and 190th Avenue Grading Intersection project. A replacement negotiator was requested by the Highway Superintendent. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to change the Right of Way purchase negotiator for the 315th Street and 190th Avenue Grading Intersection project to Dan Evans, Road Supervisor. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

A former road employee had applied for a position within the road department. Per the County Handbook, the County Board must give their approval before the employee can start their employment with the County again. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to re-hire Russ Zarek as a seasonal road employee. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

During the 2026 Reorganizational Meeting the IRS mileage reimbursement rate was adopted for use for calendar year 2026. The IRS revised the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.76 per mile with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to update the mileage reimbursement rate to \$0.76 per mile with an effective date of July 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

The Board was unable to review the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Boone and Town & Country Vet Clinic regarding stray animal control as the County Clerk and County Attorney had previously found an error while reviewing. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to table discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding until an updated agreement can be presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

The Board continued reviewing the preliminary 2026-2027 budget submissions from the County Offices. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to table discussion on the preliminary budget submissions until the July 29, 2026 meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

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.

- Primrose Rural Fire Department requested assistance to advertise their PRVFD Car Show Event scheduled for August 9, 2026. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the application requesting funding assistance from Primrose Rural Fire Department for their PRVFD Car Show event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish requested assistance to advertise their St. John's Parish Bazaar Event scheduled for September 6, 2026. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to approve the application requesting funding from St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish for their St. John's Parish Bazaar event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Payment Application #3 received from A & R Construction Co for the Albion Northwest Road Project in the amount of \$45,268.29. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve Payment Application #3 for the Albion Northwest Road Project and authorize the vice chairman to sign. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten and Niewohner. Nays: None. Absent: Lindgren. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

- Dan Evans, Road Supervisor, discussed policy regarding random drug testing for employees.
- Dan Evans, Road Supervisor, discussed Nebraska LICA Construction Expo and Field Day this Friday and wanting the road foreman to attend.
- Kate Noble, County Clerk, discussed adding an additional camera in the Clerk's Office.
- Commissioner Yosten has the Boone County Museum meeting.

Vice Chairman Yosten declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2026.

Kate Noble,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kate Noble, Boone County Clerk

Brian J. Yosten, Vice Chairman