

BOONE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 17, 2026 ALBION, NEBRASKA

The Boone County Board of Commissioners of Boone County, Nebraska, met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. on Monday, August 17, 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 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 on August 12, 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, August 14, 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 Lindgren to approve the County Board Proceedings of August 10, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the CO2 Pipeline Regulations Public Hearing Proceedings of August 10, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lindgren, second by Yosten to approve the 330th Avenue Road Closure Public Hearing Proceedings of August 10, 2026 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Yosten, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Amy Zaruba, Boone County Ambulance; Caleb Poore, Sarah Robinson, and Kristie Stricklin were present to discuss wages for the Boone County Ambulance personnel. Discussion included issues with finding personnel, the hospital helping with wage differential if leaving shift for an ambulance transfer and possibly changing the resolution to follow the hospital wage scale. Motion by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to table discussion on ambulance personnel wages until the August 26, 2026 meeting.

Dan Evans, Road Supervisor, presented a NMC Sourcewell quote for a Fecon BH47EXC_FN Brushcutter for the road department. This would attach onto the excavator to allow for upper branches on tree limbs to be cut. Motion by Yosten, second by Niewohner to accept the NMC quote for the Fecon BH47EXC_FN Brushcutter for approximately \$88,000.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan Evans, Road Supervisor, presented two Sourcewell quotes received for a new semi-truck for the road department. The truck quotes were prepared with specifications as requested by the road department.

- Cornhusker International Norfolk, NE- 2027 International HX520 SFA \$184,866.00
- Rush Truck Centers Grand Island, NE- 2027 Peterbilt 567 \$203,970.00

The Board reviewed the quotes and discussed the current trucks owned by the road department and issues that have been encountered. Motion by Niewohner, second by Yosten to approve the Rush Truck Centers quote for a 2027 Peterbilt 567 for approximately \$203,970.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Victoria Olson, Zoning Administrator, was present to discuss the copier in the zoning/road department office. The copier is at the end of lease and there are options for buying the current copier or buying a new machine.

- The buyout of the current copier from One Office Solutions would be \$904.71.
- Buying a new Sharp BP-71CF31 Copier for \$4,500 plus installation costs.

Olson explained that current copier is still in good condition and the number of copies currently printed is low. Motion by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to buy the current copier after the completion of the lease. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Lindgren and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The State of Nebraska Statutes require an annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards to be filed on or before October 31 each year. LB82 became law on March 8, 2019, that changed the Nebraska Department of Transportation and county and municipal highway, road and street public record keeping and reporting requirements. Motion made by Niewohner, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution No. 2026-23, the 2026 County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Niewohner and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-24, to trench a waterline underneath a County Road in Sections 33 and 4, Township 19, Range 8 West of the 6th p.m., commonly known as 340th Street, was presented for the Board to review. James Kennedy requested to trench a waterline to a livestock tank. Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, had previously reviewed the request. Motion by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve Resolution 2026-24 as presented. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren, and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, was present for the opening of sealed bids received for the grading and culverts projects.

Bidder	Total Group A	Total Group B	Group A Start Date	Group B Start Date
North Construction LLC	\$242,896.30	\$294,344.15	Spring 2027	October 2026
B.W. Excavating LLC	\$284,900.00	\$304,001.50	October 2026	September 2028
W Theisen Grading & Equipment Co	\$280,952.52	\$300,827.29	October 26, 2026	September 21, 2026
A & Construction Co	\$303,168.84	\$335,962.35	March 16, 2027	April 10, 2027
Husker Grading	\$272,621.00	\$366,069.00	October 15, 2026	September 15, 2026
High Plains Structural Group LLC	\$481,971.50	\$494,682.50	September 16, 2026	October 19, 2026

Motion made by Niewohner, second by Yosten to award the project to the apparent low, North Construction LLC, pending a review of the numbers. Roll call vote: Yeas: Niewohner, Yosten, and Lindgren. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Pursuant to State Statute Section 23-347, within two calendar months after the close of each fiscal year, each county officer shall make, acknowledge under oath, and file with the County Board, of his or her county, an inventory statement of all county personal property in the custody and possession of said county officer. The County Board in each county shall examine into each inventory statement so filed, and, if said statement is correct and proper in every particular, the County Board shall deliver each of said inventory statements to the clerk of the county for filing as a public record in said county clerk's office in a manner convenient for reference. Motion made by Lindgren, second by Niewohner to approve the County Offices' 2025-2026 Inventories of county personal and real estate property as presented from the various offices and file the submitted inventories with the County Clerk's office as a public record in a manner convenient for reference. Roll call vote: Yeas: Lindgren, Niewohner and Yosten. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brian J. Yosten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee, opened the safety meeting at 11:05 A.M. to discuss routine business. The following committee members were present at the quarterly meeting: Commissioners Brian J. Yosten, Jon Lindgren, and Matt Niewohner; Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance; Jenna Church, Region 44 Emergency Manager; Robert McCurdy, Veterans Service Officer; Also in attendance was Abbey DeBoyes, County Attorney, Dan Evans, Road Supervisor, and Kate Noble, County Clerk.

Old business that was addressed/reviewed.

- The tornado siren by the Sheriff's Office was worked on after failure during the Statewide Tornado drill.
- Weather radios were replaced in all County offices.
- AlertSense/Konex training is completed.
- Index was added to the Emergency Action Plan
- Extension office panic button was not tested during the last quarterly testing as staff were absent.

- CPR class was held on June 24th.

New business

- After the truck pup was damaged while unloading, safety policy was reviewed with staff member.
- Curb breakage on the north and east side of the Courthouse block. The County will send a letter to the City of Albion regarding repairs.
- Courtroom security equipment may need to be replaced due to not working properly.
- Road department will be hosting quarterly safety meetings.
- The Boone County Health Center lab will now be doing new hire and quarterly random drug testing.

The Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Brian J. Yosten, Chairman of the Boone County Safety Committee at 11:27 A.M.

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.

- Rae Valley Heritage Association requested assistance to advertise their Nebraska State Antique Tractor and Horse Plowing Bee Event scheduled for August 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2026. Motion by Yosten, second by Lindgren to approve the application requesting funding assistance from Rae Valley Heritage Association for their Nebraska State Antique Tractor and Horse Plowing Bee event from the Visitor's Promotion fund as submitted. Roll call vote: Yeas: Yosten, Lindgren and Niewohner. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Public Comments:

- Brian McDonald, Highway Superintendent, discussed Primrose project.
- Abbey DeBoyes, County Attorney, discussed issue with cattle consistently being out and landowner not making improvements to fencing or responding to Law Enforcement calls about cattle being out.
- Jenna Church, Region 44 Emergency Manager, discussed upcoming class opportunity regarding responses and responsibilities of Counties during emergency events.
- Rod Nelson, Courthouse Maintenance, discussed time capsule.
- Commissioner Lindgren has Local Area Emergency Planning meeting.
- Commissioner Yosten has the Fitness Center, Ag Society, Boone County Museum, BCDA and Juvenile Services meetings.
- Commissioner Niewohner has Community Health Improvement Plan meeting.

Chairman Lindgren declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M., with the next Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

Kate Noble,
Boone County Clerk

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kate Noble, Boone County Clerk

Jon Lindgren, Chairman