Box Butte County Board Minutes

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The Box Butte County Commissioners met in open and public meeting at 9:00 a.m., September 26, 2016 in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of emergency meeting was published on September 21, 2016, in the Alliance Times Herald, with agenda information emailed to Board members September 22, 2016.

Chairman Lore called the emergency meeting to order with roll call: Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis, and Susan Lore present at 9:00 a.m. Deputy County Clerk Gwen Taylor recorded the proceedings. County Attorney Charlotte Hood, Karen Brown and Attorney Terry Curtiss were also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Open Meeting Act on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room was acknowledged. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, with the only agenda item being the lease/contract with Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Prior to conference call with DHHS representatives, County Attorney Charlotte Hood stated the County of Box Butte would be obligated to pay for utilities. County Attorney Charlotte Hood entered into phone conference at 9:05 a.m. with the DHHS representatives Kim Sturzenegger, Matt Wallen, and Greg Hood. Discussion was held regarding the lease/contract between DHHS and the County. Financial obligations regarding janitorial services and snow removal were discussed. Commissioner Hashman stated the county should not pay for these two services. Kim Sturzenegger stated she did not have the authority to make the decision on janitorial services and snow removal and would call back in 10 minutes. When DHHS representatives called back they said they would pay for janitorial services and snow removal but not garbage removal. DHHS representatives will contact County Attorney Hood before the next Commissioner meeting on October 3, 2016, with more clarification.

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner McGinnis moved to enter into executive session to discuss lease terms with County Attorney Hood, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; and Lore yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close the executive session at 10:15 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman, that had been called for the property lease negotiations at 411 Black Hills Avenue, Alliance, NE. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; and Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken. 84-1410(1)(a)

A motion was made by Mike McGinnis to offer Karen Brown a 24-month lease starting on October 1, 2016, for space located at 411 Black Hills Avenue, Alliance, NE, with first year lease of 1809 sq. ft. at $1356.75 per month and second year leasing 1920 sq. ft. at $1440.00 per month, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; and Lore, yes. Motion carried. Karen Brown accepted the County's lease proposal.

Chairman Lore adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Chairperson County Clerk