



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., October 3, 2016, in the Commission Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on September 26, 2016, with agenda information emailed to Board members September 29, 2016. Following an opening prayer, Chairman Susan Lore called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Lore acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the board room. Motion by Mike McGinnis to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve September 19, 2016 and September 26, 2016 minutes as written and emailed to the Board, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No elected officials reports or correspondence had been received for this meeting and Board members reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to open as Board of Equalization at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Motion from Doug Hashman authorizing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book, as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:16 a.m. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Charlotte Hood had requested to speak with the Board regarding breathalyzer testing. Deputy Sheriff Enrique Rodriquez provided information to the Board in Ms. Hood's absence. Deputy Rodriquez explained the process for DUI cases and current costs. Deputy Rodriquez requested the county purchase a data master machine (EDM) at a cost of \$6,627.00, stating that Sheriff Mowry was looking at NIRMA cost share grant opportunities and that the EDM is included in the state bidding price. Doug Hashman moved to purchase a new EDM machine at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.00, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Added to the agenda was a request from Mobius Communications representative Joni Jespersen to discuss a public service commissioner grant funding opportunity, with an approximate value of \$50,000. Mobius representative Kory Haas informed the Board that this grant would extend fiber to rural areas. Motion from Doug Hashman authorizing Mobius Communications to proceed with the grant request, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore called recess at 9:52 a.m.

Chairperson Lore resumed the meeting at 10:00 a.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present.

Mike McGinnis moved to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m., to abandon/vacate a portion of CR54 as advertised, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan read Exhibit 1 describing the property and provided a legal description. Chairperson Lore asked if there were members of the public wishing to speak. Marlyn Wilcox said he was not familiar with that road and asked which road it was, with the Board and Road Superintendent explaining which road was requested to be closed. At 10:30 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to adopt Resolution 2016-10 abandoning/vacating a segment of county road right-of-way, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Dispatchers Judy Thompson and Deb Brown spoke to the Board regarding holiday and overtime pay. The current handbook allows for time and half for working a holiday plus holiday pay, but holiday is not added to overtime hours. Chairperson Lore will contact NIRMA attorney, Pam Bourne for further clarification.

Added to the agenda was a request regarding the Autumn on the Bricks celebration. YMCA fitness director, Jennifer Jacobo, was present to request the use of courthouse lawn for Autumn on the Bricks celebration to be held October 8, 2016. Mike McGinnis



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moved allowing for events to be held on the courthouse lawn proving a certificate of liability insurance form is provided prior to celebration, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Jailer Julie Bergfield were present to answer any additional questions the Board might have regarding the Advanced Correction Healthcare (ACH) contract. With no further

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questions at this time, Chairperson Lore requested that the agreement/contract with ACH be an agenda item for the October 2016 board meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing with the Board a proposed request for an auto gate to be installed on 5300 Otoe Road. This request will be added to the October 17, 2016 agenda, allowing for additional time for the Board to study state statutes and to view the proposed auto gate site.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2016-20, repayment of motor grader purchase from Road/Bridge Fund to Inheritance Fund, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Payment will be made during the October claim process, issuing a \$129,500.00 check to Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. from the County Inheritance Fund, for the 2010 John Deere 770G motor grader.

Motion at 11:17 a.m., from Mike McGinnis to enter into executive session for the protection and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Mike McGinnis then rescinded his motion allowing for County resident Marlyn Wilcox to discuss the Otoe Road conditions. The Board stated that they will observe the road conditions Mr. Wilcox has concerns about.

Motion at 11:25 a.m., from Mike McGinnis to enter into executive session with Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, for the protection and prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close executive session at 11:55 a.m. that had been called for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Signing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) contract and agreement will be added to the October 17, 2016 agenda.

Commissioner McGinnis informed the Board that the City of Alliance did not agree to extend the sidewalk replacement agreement and stated that the Hemingford road shop roof may not be replaced until spring allowing for warmer weather and that a contract would look at the Hemingford shop garage door.

Doug Hashman moved to sign monthly payroll and claims correcting holiday pay for an Extension office employee, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll \$108,892.58; AFLAC 913.06; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. 671.28; Bank of the West 38,547.44; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,708.00; Credit Management Services 207.31; Credit Management Services 309.60; Lincoln National Life Insurance 183.95; NE Child Support Payment Center 50.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 20,256.19; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4,435.56. **ROAD:** Net Payroll \$36,618.31; AFLAC 73.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 168.88; Bank of the West 8,353.57; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,282.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,128.09; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,527.46.

Quarterly jail visit will be added to the October 17, 2016 agenda.

Chairperson Susan Lore adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.



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Chairperson

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County Clerk