



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., January 17, 2017, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on January 11, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members January 12, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the board room. Motion by Susan Lore to accept the agenda with the addition of the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Statement, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve the January 5, 2017 minutes as written. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election monthly report, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to all Board members and was available for public view, and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to support Heartland Expressway Association request in the amount of \$698.76, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, no; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. The Heartland Association payment will be submitted as part of the February 2017 claims.

Jerry Berggren, introduced Preservation Architect Michael A. Dixon to the Board, stating that Berggren Architects have now opened an office in Cheyenne WY.

Deputy County Treasurer Val Bell presented the Semi-Annual Statement to the Board.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services Health Clinic Licensure Renewal Application, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan presented a road and equipment report, discussing with the Board possible projects for the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing to be held at 10:15 a.m., February 6, 2017.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:10 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 10:16 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis.

Contracted Weed Superintendent Cody Renkoski provided updates and presented annual reports. Doug Hashman moved to authorize Chairman McGinnis to sign the corrected Noxious Weed Control Plan, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Activity Report, Noxious Weed Infestation Report, and Budget Report seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into closed session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss pending litigation with NIRMA attorney Pam Bourne, by telephone, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion



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carried. Doug Hashman moved to close the closed session that had been called for pending litigation at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Motion made by Doug Hashman to approve and sign the settlement agreement and general release between Dwight A. Abbott and Box Butte County, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Susan Lore moved to enter into closed session at 11:05 a.m., to discuss threatened litigation with NIRMA attorney Pam Bourne, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 11:22 a.m., Susan Lore moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss threatened litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 11:30 a.m., in order for all county employees to attend the annual employee appreciation dinner.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 1:35 p.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis present.

Susan Lore moved to sign Resolution 2017-01 Nebraska Public Service Commission Grant, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly claims and payroll, less the \$10,921.20 claim from KONE, Inc. awaiting a copy of Contract #N40015047 from KONE, and adding a payroll check and accounts payable check totaling \$25,000.00 payable to Dwight A. Abbott as approved in the settlement agreement, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Lore, Hashman and McGinnis visited the county jail for the first quarterly visit (47-109).

With no public comment, Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
County Clerk