



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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The Box Butte County Commissioners held a special meeting at 8:30 a.m., January 26, 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 special meeting was posted January 21, 2017, at the Hemingford, NE Post Office, Alliance, NE Post Office, and front and back door of the County Courthouse, with agenda information emailed to Board members January 24, 2017. Following an opening prayer, Chairman McGinnis opened the special meeting at 8:34 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present. County Clerk Judy Messersmith 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. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed and emailed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter closed session at 8:37 a.m., for a strategy session regarding threatened litigation with NIRMA Attorney Pam Bourne via telephone conference, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis requested Deputy County Attorney Aaron Bourne to enter the closed session at 9:00 a.m., with Deputy County Attorney Bourne leaving the closed session at 9:08 a.m.

At 9:31 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to close the closed session that had been called for the strategy session regarding threatened litigation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. No action taken.

In open session, Susan Lore moved to accept County Attorney Charlotte Hood's January 20, 2017 resignation, effective immediately, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to accept and sign the Settlement Agreement and General Release between Charlotte Hood and Box Butte County, effective January 26, 2017, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. All Board members signed the agreement as Chairman McGinnis initialed the pages.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Deputy County Attorney Aaron Bourne as Interim Box Butte County Attorney, to perform the functions of the office until a permanent successor is duly appointed or elected (32-563), seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Interim Box Butte County Attorney Bourne then asked Attorney Travis Rodak to start immediately as a Deputy County Attorney.

Chairman McGinnis stated that the Board will advertise for a permanent County Attorney. Commissioner Lore then stated that applications will be accepted soon, with the hopes to fill the position by March 1, 2017. Further discussion will be an agenda item for the February 6, 2017 regular board meeting.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned the special meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson

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County Clerk