



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., February 6, 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 25, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members February 2, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Roll call: Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present, Doug Hashman absent. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Acting Deputy County Attorney Travis Rodak present. 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 as printed, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. K. Hutchinson had telephoned the morning of February 6, 2017 to be removed from the agenda regarding closing the courthouse during bad weather. Susan Lore moved to approve January 17, 2017 and January 26, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. Commissioner Hashman present at 8:37 a.m. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign the Clerk of the District Court monthly report seconded by Doug Hashman. 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.

Phillip W. Black, Community Liaison for Adrian Smith introduced himself and provided legislative updates. Mr. Black informed the Board he would be available in the courthouse lobby in the afternoon to meet with county residents.

Susan Lore moved to enter into closed session at 9:08 a.m., to discuss pending litigation with Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and acting Deputy County Attorney Travis Rodak present, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 9:23 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

The Board of Commissioners discussed procedures and possible time frame for fulfilling the County Attorney position. The position will be advertised, with a postmark deadline of April 10, 2017 for applications to be received. Committee members will be selected to meet with candidates. Selecting committee members will be an agenda item for the February 21, 2017 meeting.

At 9:45 a.m. Doug Hashman moved to enter into closed session with NIRMA attorney Pam Bourne to discuss County Attorney/Interim County Attorney personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close the closed session at 10:12 a.m., with the option to return to closed session following the opening and closing of the advertised road hearing, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:13 a.m.

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



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Susan Lore moved at 10:18 a.m., to open the 1 & 6 year road plan public hearing that had been publically advertised, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan presented road maps and information. Those members of the public speaking included Charles Hamm requesting a project to include a portion of CR 67, Michael Collins requesting a project to include a portion of Keith Road, and Mike Colson questioned if a decision had been made on current project #219 or #233. Mike McGinnis moved to close the public hearing at 11:29 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Decisions for the 1 and 6 year road plans and Resolution 2017-02 will be added to the February 21, 2017 agenda, allowing the Commissioners time to review the roads and requests.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the Nebraska Federal Surplus Property Application Eligibility Form, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve payroll and claims as recorded on the county’s time and attendance program, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL - PAYROLL:** \$121,528.43; AFLAC 1,162.19; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 682.68; Bank of the West 46,865.10; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,838.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 309.60; Lincoln National Life Insurance 184.63; NE Child Support Payment Center 50.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,039.05; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,722.24. **ROAD – PAYROLL:** \$38,202.02; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 157.48; Bank of the West 9,030.95; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,282.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,396.71; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,690.06.

KONE elevator contract will be an agenda item for the February 21, 2017 board meeting, allowing time for the Commissioners to review the KONE contract that had been emailed.

Doug Hashman moved to continue the closed session at 12:16 p.m., that had been called to discuss County Attorney/Interim County Attorney personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Interim County Attorney Aaron Bourne present, with Mr. Bourne leaving the closed session at 12:30 p.m. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 12:43 p.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

With no public comment, Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
County Clerk