



# 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., April 3, 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 March 25, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members March 29, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Interim County Attorney Aaron Bourne and 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; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve March 20, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. The Board reviewed Box Butte County Veterans Service March 2017 Advisory Board Report, and correspondence that had been emailed to the Board Members and was available for public view. Charter Communications VI, LLC Franchise Agreement had been emailed to all Board members, the Agreement will be an agenda item for the April 17, 2017 meeting. Commissioners shared information from various board meetings they had recently attended.

Mobius representative Patrick Maag presented a proposal for an installed refurbished CPlus ESI Phone System and phones. Following discussion and the Board's request of three refurbished 24 key business phones instead of two as proposed, Susan Lore moved to accept the proposal to include three phones at the cost of \$1,199.59, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

BNSF Public Projects Project Engineer Kate Kalinosky discussed with the Board the possibility of eliminating a grade crossing by closing a portion of road right-of-way at CR73 & CR74 Cherry Road. Ms. Kalinosky stated that BNSF is willing to compensate with a \$5000 match to NDOR's \$5000 for closing the crossing and will also pay the County of Box Butte the actual cost of closing not to exceed \$12,000. Following discussion regarding fences and the need to visit with current property owners, Doug Hashman moved to set a hearing for possible closure at 10:15 a.m., May 15, 2017, allowing time for advertising and Road Superintendent Keegan to complete a study, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Railroad crossings at CR 58 and CR57 were discussed. NDOR recommends the closing of CR57 and installing active warning devices at the CR58 crossing, the cost will be funded by NDOR at 95% and Box Butte County at 5%. Commissioners stated they are not in favor of closing CR57, as this is an agricultural community and CR57 accommodates larger farm equipment. Ms. Kalinosky will research if closing another crossing in the county would qualify for the requirements needed to update CR 58. Further discussion on CR 57 and CR58 BNSF crossings will be added to the May 15, 2017 agenda.

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

Chairman McGinnis resumed at 10:18 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. After reviewing the four bids received for fuel, Doug Hashman moved to accept the low bid from Phillips F&T Inc., #2 Off Road Diesel bid at \$1.877 per gallon for a total of \$84,465.00 and to decline the other bids, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Following public comment, the Commissioners conducted a quarterly jail visit at 10:50 a.m. Roll call at 11:30 a.m., after returning from the county jail: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis present. Chairman McGinnis recessed until 3:30 p.m. to sign payroll, allowing for departments to present their payroll sheets to the County Clerk's office for processing.



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Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 3:56 p.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present. Due to the lack of all departments returning their time sheets and the need to contact MIPS for payroll programming, (MIPS is located in Lincoln, NE central standard time) Chairman McGinnis recessed until 11:00 a.m., April 4, 2017.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:00 a.m., April 4, 2017 with roll call to approve and sign payroll claims: Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Commissioner Hashman excused due to a previous engagement.

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Mike McGinnis moved to approve March 2017 payroll as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Hashman absent. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 114,035.48; AFLAC 1061.31; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 671.28; Bank of the West 41473.10; Box Butte Co Treasurer 281.16; Box Butte County Treasurer 94318.00; Credico Inc 172.00; Credit Management Services Inc 280.24; Lincoln National Life Insurance 183.95; NE Child Support Payment Center 50.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 21,257.64; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4823.38. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 36,668.83; Ameritas Life Insurance 166.96; Bank of the West 8646.27; Box Butte County Treasurer 98.59; Box Butte County Treasurer 1282.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2303.34; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1597.01.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

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Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk