



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 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 April 8, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members April 13, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:31 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 Doug Hashman to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve emailed minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Sheriff monthly reports and March 2017 Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. With no correspondence to review, the Commissioners reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to open Board of Equalization at 8:50 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented an exemption application form 451 from Dobby's Frontier Towners, Inc., that she had recommended for approval. Susan Lore moved to approve the application, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as presented, accelerating a mobile home that is being moved out of the county, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close Board of Equalization at 8:55 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mary Wernke, Jenifer Ponce and Brenda McDonald discussed responsible beverage server training with the Board. Ms. Wernke stated that she is an instructor and available for responsible beverage server training and would like for the Board to require certification for all servers prior to approving a request for a special designated liquor license. Commissioner Hashman would like to visit with other counties to see how they handle special designated liquor license requests prior to a possible resolution. No action taken.

Alliance Police Chief John Kiss updated the Board on the ability to 911 text. Testing is continuing and the ability to text for 911 emergencies should be effective May 1st.

Sheriff Tammy Mowry stated it is all about public safety as she turned responsibility of the emergency generator and underground tank log reports to the Board, stating that the fire marshal wants an operator to be in charge and to keep a log of operation, also stating that the generator and underground tank is the 911 Board responsibility. Police Chief Kiss stated he is not sure that the generator and tank is a 911 responsibility and suggested the Board contact Emergency Manager Nan Thornton Gould for contacts that can provide the inspections. Commissioner Lore stated an option would be to hire an individual that can assist with the inspections. Updates on the generator and underground tank solutions will be a May 1, 2017 agenda item.

Police Chief Kiss and Alliance City Finance Director Randy Waggener will request dispatch funding at a future meeting following a 911 Board meeting.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson requested to use the County of Box Butte letterhead for correspondence to Innovative Solar Systems, LLC. Susan Lore moved allowing Zoning Administrator Johnson to use county letterhead to respond to Innovative Solar Systems, seconded by Doug Hashman. Deputy County Attorney stated that Mr. Johnson could create his own letterhead and has the authority to sign letters as zoning administrator. Commissioners Lore and



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McGinnis agreed that Mr. Johnson could create his own letterhead as other county offices have created letterheads for their respective offices. Commissioner Lore then rescinded her motion and Commissioner Hashman rescinded his second.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:25 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 10:34 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis present.

Susan Lore moved to approve Franchise Agreement 2017-01 between the County of Box Butte, Nebraska

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and Charter Communications VI, LLC, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Deputy County Attorney Rodak had reviewed the agreement and also stated that Morrill County had entered into a similar agreement. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Budget making authority agreement 2017-03 between Box Butte County, Nebraska and Harold L. "Pete" Peterson was presented. After discussion, Susan Lore moved to amend the agreement including language that Mr. Peterson will attend in person the final meeting with the Board prior to adoptions and attend in person other meetings in person as requested, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to sign Agreement 2017-03 after Deputy County Attorney Rodak sends a revised agreement to Mr. Peterson, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Lore had recently visited with City of Alliance Culture & Leisure Services Director Shana Brown regarding disposal of older transit vans. The County of Box Butte will receive a percentage of the sale from the older vans when sold. Commissioner Hashman questioned whether or not a van could be assigned to Hemingford. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing the needed repairs for a 2005 Sterling semi-tractor. Chairman McGinnis moved to appropriate up to \$20,000 to purchase a later model semi-tractor to replace the Sterling semi that has a blown-up motor, with Commissioner Hashman to assist in the decision of the purchase and to be in service by May 4, 2017, seconded by Susan Lore. Informal bid proposals will be discussed by April 21, 2017 and road employee Dave Stone's opinion will be weighed in on the purchase. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis provided an update on building repairs needed, discussing the leak in District Court, repair of the terra cotta gargyle area, and awnings. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Doug Hashman, with late fees removed from Black Hills Energy gas billing. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
County Clerk