



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., June 5, 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 May 27, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members June 1, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present, Doug Hashman absent. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. 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 with one addition, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve the May 15, 2017 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept monthly County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to Board members and was available for public view. Commissioner Doug Hashman joined the meeting at 8:38 a.m. Commissioners reported on various board meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to open as Board of Equalization at 8:47 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book, with 7 tax list corrections. Susan Lore moved authorizing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Dates and times to hear property valuation protests were set, with the following dates and times to be advertised: June 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.; July 3, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.; July 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., and July 17, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:05 a.m. seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Ag Society Board Member Jeff Schumacher was present to request a letter of approval for a special liquor license to be used during the Box Butte County Fair located at Hemingford, NE. The dates for the special liquor license are August 9-13, 2017. Doug Hashman moved to approve the request, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Commissioner Lore is pushing for all servers to be certified following the completion of the servers training course. Commissioner Hashman would like for the managers to be trained to oversee volunteers. Mary Wernke was present and stated that she is available to provide training any day or time. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve Box Butte County Public Transportation Service Agreement 2017-06 between the City of Alliance and County of Box Butte, seconded by Doug Hashman. County Attorney Travis Rodak informed the Board that #10 states the Agreement shall automatically renew for a one year term under the same terms and conditions as set forth herein, unless either City or County notifies the other at least thirty days prior to the termination date set forth herein, or the termination date of any automatic renewal under this provision, of said party's desire to forego renewal of the Agreement. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve County Attorney Contract/Agreement 2017-07 with Travis Rodak, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve Agreement 2017-08 for Box Butte Deputy County Attorney Services with Jamian J. Simmons and Aaron J. Conn, attorneys at law/partners with Smith, King, Simmons and Conn, P.C., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Family Focus Coalition Director, Mary Wernke presented 2017 revised Community Based Aid/Crime Commission Budget for approval. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the revised budget, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Architect Jerry Berggren was present to discuss building repairs and the cost and process to recreate the terra-cotta gargoyles. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved authorizing Chairman McGinnis to sign Region 23 Emergency Management By-Laws and Region 23 Emergency Management Inter-Local Agreement 2017-09, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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The expected IT report was not available for presentation. Deputy County Treasurer Bell, County Assessor Robinson, and County Clerk Messersmith all stated the urgent need to have the current county server updated and expanded. Deputy Treasurer Bell will provide MIPS with needed information so an estimate for services can be presented at the June 19, 2017 board meeting. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 10:24 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present.

Commissioner Hashman had added to the agenda, June 2, 2017. That item being: appointing a member to the advisory board of Area Agency on Aging, as the current member is resigning and every member county needs to appoint a representative. Susan Lore moved to appoint Ken Luce, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry informed the Board that the current panic button security system is out dated and obsolete. Commissioner Lore will meet with Sheriff Mowry to discuss the security system. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Road Superintendent Keegan will make a claim transferring remaining fiscal year operating budget funds from the Road/Bridge fund to the Road Sinking fund.

Budget Consultant Pete Petersen has requested the first set of 2017-2018 budget requests be sent to him on or before June 9th. Commissioner Lore suggested that the bottom line for the 2017-2018 budgets remain that same as 2016-2017 budgets and that elected officials can use that dollar amount within their entire budget. If the elected official chooses to give a cost of living adjustment to their staff, then the official will have to lower operating costs so that the bottom line remains the same. Further budget discussion will be on the June 17, 2017 agenda. No action taken.

Building and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Jeane Warfield provided an outline for monthly pest control services from Buds Pest Control. Doug Hashman moved to contract with Buds Pest Control, seconded by Susan Lore. Presto X service will be cancelled. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 11:15 a.m., to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those included in executive session: Commissioners Lore, Hashman, McGinnis and County Attorney Travis Rodak. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 11:37 a.m., that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign a claim for Renkoski Property Development, that had been omitted from the May claim approval, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Doug Hashman moved to sign monthly payroll claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Payroll 112,098.61; AFLAC 1,061.31; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 690.24; Bank of the West 40,689.18; Box Butte County Treasurer 94,318.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 183.27; NE Child Support Payment Center 50.00; Renkoski Property Development 4,083.33; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 20,800.87; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4,701.37. **ROAD:** Payroll 38,199.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 166.96; Bank of the West 9,073.00; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,282.00; Credit Management Services Inc. 334.72; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,321.28; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,679.69.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk