



# 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., August 7, 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 July 29, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website August 3, 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. 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, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve the July 17, 2017 minutes as written and emailed to the Board members, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Travis Rodak joined the meeting. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Clerk/ROD, County Sheriff and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll-105,197.51; AFLAC-1,061.31; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-652.28; Bank of the West-36,984.58; Box Butte County Treasurer-91,750.00; ECOM-5.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-186.14; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas-19,033.17; St of NE Dept of Revenue-4,110.73. **ROAD:** Net Payroll-33,868.66; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-176.44; Bank of the West-7,747.99; Box Butte County Treasurer-1,282.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance-6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center-650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas-2,061.52; St of NE Dept of Revenue-1,368.04.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the Clerk of District Court and County Attorney Subgrant Agreements for Child Support Enforcement Services, seconded by Doug Hashman. County Attorney Rodak explained that these agreements provide for DHHS to provide reimbursement for child support related work to the county. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Daniel Linegar, Sr., 1031 CR66, Hemingford, NE, provided photos and read a prepared statement asking for the road supervisor to be replaced, asking the Board why nothing had been done two years ago when he personally brought road and culvert problems to the Board's attention. Commissioner Lore stated she is very frustrated and realizes that Mr. Linegar's area is a problem. Road Superintendent Keegan blamed the lack of budget dollars for the road conditions.

County Clerk Messersmith had to leave at 9:25 a.m., with Deputy County Clerk Gwen Taylor recording the following proceedings.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2017-04: Final acceptance of project construction, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan said that the road department has some miscellaneous items she would like to get rid of, including 2 - 1,000 gallon water tanks, transfer pump and used tires. Susan Lore moved to put these items on the surplus list, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; and McGinnis yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore said she and County Attorney Rodak needed more time on the handbook updates so they tabled that until the September 5, 2017 meeting.

Chairman McGinnis recessed at 10:00 a.m.



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Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 10:15 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis present.

At 10:15 a.m., interviews for the position of Box Butte General Hospital Trustee began. Candidates interviewed were Tom Cummings and Ellen Feldges. At 10:35 a.m. Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Travis Rodak entered into executive session at 10:40 a.m.

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Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 10:45 a.m. that had been called to prevent injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis thanked the two candidates that had submitted their names for consideration and made a motion recommending Tom Cummings to serve as a Box Butte General Hospital Board of Trustee, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman yes; McGinnis yes. Motion carried. Commissioners thanked the candidates and appreciated their desire to serve their community. Mr. Cummings thanked the board and accepted the appointment. Randy Langemeier thanked the two candidates for submitting their names.

During public comment Chairman McGinnis reported that the wooden stairs on the roof had blown over by the wind and would need to be fixed. Susan Lore said that they need to start thinking about replacing all the windows in the courthouse.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Chairperson

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