



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 22, 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 August 12, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website August 17, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:33 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 Susan Lore to accept the agenda with two additions, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve August 7, 2017 and August 16, 2017 budget workshop minutes as written and emailed to the Board members, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. With no elected officials reports to accept and sign, the board reviewed correspondence that was available for public inspection and reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to open Board of Equalization at 8:46 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, with one correction, as presented by County Assessor Robinson, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close Board of Equalization at 8:50 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Barb Otto, representing those requesting the national motto "In God We Trust" be displayed in a prominent location in the courthouse. Ms. Otto has visited over thirty Nebraska counties and showed pictures of counties that have prominently displayed the national motto. Susan Lore is in favor of supporting this request and a Resolution will be added to the September 5, 2017 agenda to be approved and adopted.

Regional Care Inc., account executive, Jennifer Reisig, provided health insurance renewal information and options. Susan Lore moved to renew the county's health insurance with Everest Reinsurance IOA Re, with the administrative fees to be set at \$17.00, up from the current administrative fee of \$16.75, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to sign Agreement 2017-12: for the provision of healthcare provided to Box Butte County Inmates, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Added to the agenda, was the distress warrant report list presented by Deputy County Treasurer Val Bell showing the amount of uncollected personal taxes to the Board as required on or before October 1 of each year.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:00 a.m.

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

Susan Lore moved allowing the Chairman to sign Annual Certification Form between the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Local Public Agency, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Added to the agenda, was discussion regarding BNSF railroad crossing at CR 58 and Lincoln Road. No action taken. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Nance Road project was discussed with no action taken, and will be added to the September 5, 2017 agenda.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Budget requests and discussion continued with the Board needing clarification on several budgets from Budget Consultant Pete Peterson. Motion from Doug Hashman to recess until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24, 2017, to continue with fiscal year 2017-2018 budget, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Recessed at 12:55 p.m.

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Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 9:02 a.m., Thursday, August 24, 2017, with roll call: Lore, Hashman, McGinnis present.

Budgets were reviewed and a budget hearing will be held Monday, September 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk