



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., November 20, 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 November 11, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website November 16, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:30 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. County Attorney Travis Rodak in attendance. 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 Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve November 6, 2017 minutes as written and emailed to the Board members, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. With no official's reports, correspondence was reviewed and available for public view. Commissioners reported on various board meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to open Board of Equalization at 8:45 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 six mobile home corrections as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 8:56 a.m., Susan Lore moved to close Board of Equalization, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

CPA Jim Gardner with Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan presented the annual county fiscal report for the year ending June 30, 2017. Doug Hashman moved to accept the audit, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Treasurer Val Bell provided homestead tax loss report and personal property tax credit loss report amounts.

Commissioners began the salary discussion for the 2019-2022 term, comparing Box Butte County to similar counties. These discussions will continue during the December 4, 2017 meeting, as a salary resolution must be set prior to January 15, 2018.

Michelle Robinson reported to the Board that the newly formed wellness committee had met and discussed some of the programs available to employees, and that the next committee meeting will be held January 10, 2018.

Doug Hashman moved to approve Agreement 2017-16 using MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. to recover indirect costs based on percentages of salaries and office costs for the Clerk of District Court and County Attorney, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to enter into closed session at 10:15 a.m., for the prevention of needless harm to an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Lore, Hashman, McGinnis, County Attorney Rodak and Road Superintendent Keegan present in executive session. Doug Hashman moved to close the closed session at 11:20 a.m., that had been called for the prevention of needless harm to an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:24 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present.



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Road Superintendent Keegan continued with the road and equipment report. Much discussion regarding the purchase of a skid steer, as fifteen bids with nineteen options had been received. NMC representative Larry Burbach provided answers to questions the board had regarding the Caterpillar machines he had bid. Doug Hashman moved to purchase the new S650 Bobcat outright, to be paid out of the county inheritance fund, with the road/bridge fund to repay inheritance fund in six payments with the first payment to be made on or before June 1, 2018, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Purchase price listed on road superintendent's spread sheet is \$36,984.92.

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County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that she had been contacted by Danni McGown, Financial Grants Monitor/Community-Based Juvenile Services Division regarding lack of documentation submitted with monthly Family Focus Coalition invoices. Project Director Mary Wernke had been contacted to submit the documentation prior to claim deadline, with no documentation, the County Clerk's office did not process the claim. Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
County Clerk