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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 8:30 a.m., December 18, 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 December 9, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website November 14, 2017. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis present, Susan Lore excused. 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 Doug Hashman to accept the agenda with an addition, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve December 4, 2017 minutes as written and emailed to the Board members, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, absent; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. No elected officials or office reports were submitted. Correspondence was reviewed and available for public view. Commissioners reported on various board meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to open as Board of Equalization at 8:45 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign 13 tax corrections as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 8:56 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close Board of Equalization, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

One bid was received from Tim Hashman for \$11.00 each for the iphone cell phones. Mike McGinnis moved to table the cell phone bid acceptance or rejection to the January 4, 2018 board meeting, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to accept letters of interest from Gail Burke and Kevin Horn to be appointed to the Box Butte County Extension Board, with each to fill a full term, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

During the regular road and equipment report, the annual road hearing date was set for 10:00 a.m., February 20, 2018 to be held in the Commissioners Board Room. The Board and Road Superintendent Keegan discussed extending the 247 contract or go out for hauling bids. Ms. Keegan will discuss the extension with the current hauler.

Added to the agenda was Daniel Linegar's request to speak to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Linegar had spoke to the Board during an August 2017 meeting regarding culverts. Mr. Linegar provided photos and asked what plan had been set up to deal with culverts. Additional photos showing large rocks, along with actual rocks were presented to the Board. Mr. Linegar also presented a bill for a new tire, he claimed was blown out due to the amount of large rocks on his road. Commissioner Hashman informed Mr. Linegar that he will go look at this road and culverts on December 19, 2017.

Doug Hashman moved to enter into closed session at 9:50 a.m., for the prevention of needless injury to an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those attending closed session were Commissioners McGinnis and Hashman, Road Superintendent Keegan and County Attorney Rodak. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 10:26 a.m., that had been called for the prevention of needless injury to an individual, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore attended via phone conference to discuss the salary resolution that must be set prior to January 15, 2018. Commissioner Lore had provided her opinion on salaries with a spread sheet, Commissioners Hashman and McGinnis



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provided their opinions and had visited with other Commissioners at the state NACO Convention regarding their county salary recommendations. Salaries will be set during the January 4, 2018 meeting.

Prior to approving monthly claims, the Commissioners reviewed a claim from John Thomas in the amount \$105.49. Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign claims, adjusting the John Thomas claim to \$100.00, due to the lack of documentation for the \$5.49, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, absent; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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The Commissioners had spoken to Jerry Bergren regarding a 2018 NACO Maintenance Exchange Workshop to be held in Alliance. Tentative date will be the first Thursday in October 2018 to be held at the Knight Museum.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson