



# 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., January 4, 2018, 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 23, 2017, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website December 28, 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. 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 as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve December 18, 2017 minutes as written and emailed to the Board members, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, abstained; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign monthly Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioner reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. 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 8:46 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book with two corrections as presented by County Assessor Robinson. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Signing a claim form for Jim Peltz will be added to the February 5, 2018 meeting. Mike McGinnis moved to close Board of Equalization at 8:50 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to nominate Mike McGinnis as Chairman, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to nominate Doug Hashman as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

A motion made by Chairman McGinnis during reorganization was to allow the Commissioners to remain on the boards they are currently serving on, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore:

1. Welfare Board Chairman
2. Panhandle Mental Health Board Alternate
3. Region 1 Office of Human Development Alternate
4. Agency on Aging Alternate
5. Public health Board/Panhandle Partnership
6. Family Focus Committee
7. Senior Citizens Board

Mike McGinnis:

1. Extension Board
2. Box Butte Development Corp.
3. Vice-Chairman/Welfare Board Vice-Chairman
4. Box Butte General Hospital
5. Northwest Community Action
6. Region 23 Emergency Management Agency

Doug Hashman:



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1. Panhandle Mental Health Board
2. Region 1 Mental Health Board
3. Panhandle Development & Disabilities
4. Area Agency on Aging
5. Alternative/Northwest Community Action
6. E911 Advisory Board

Mike McGinnis, Doug Hashman, Susan Lore: Building & Grounds Directors.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Barbara Keegan as Road Superintendent, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, abstained. Motion carried.

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Susan Lore moved to appoint Cody Renkoski as Weed Superintendent, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Mike Johnson as Zoning Administrator, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Dennis Laughlin as Veteran's Service Officer, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to designate bank depositories, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

- Bank of the West (Alliance & Hemingford Branches)
- Wells Fargo Bank
- NPAIT
- Great Western Bank
- Western Heritage Credit Union
- First National Bank North Platte
- Sandhills State Bank
- Farmers State Bank

Doug Hashman moved to designate Alliance Times Herald and The Ledger as county newspapers, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to designate KCOW/AM & KAAQ/FM as county radio stations, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, abstained; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to designate the county website as [www.boxbuttecounty.us](http://www.boxbuttecounty.us), seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Scott Bosse' as County Surveyor as needed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to set board meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month, or the day after, in case of a holiday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. MST, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to set holidays with Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018, added as a full holiday day. Motion died for a lack of second.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to set holidays with Christmas Eve being a ½ half day holiday. Lore, no; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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## HOLIDAYS IN 2018

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| 1. New Years Day                     | January 1, 2018                              |
| 2. Martin Luther King                | January 15, 2018                             |
| 3. President's Day                   | February 19, 2018                            |
| 4. Arbor Day                         | April 27, 2018                               |
| 5. Memorial Day                      | May 28, 2018                                 |
| 6. Independence Day                  | July 4, 2018                                 |
| 7. Labor Day                         | September 3, 2018                            |
| 8. Columbus Day                      | October 8, 2018                              |
| 9. Veteran's Day                     | November 12, 2018                            |
| 10. Thanksgiving                     | November 22, 2018                            |
| 11. Day after Thanksgiving           | November 23, 2018                            |
| 12. Christmas Eve &<br>Christmas Day | ½ day December 24, 2018<br>December 25, 2018 |

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Larry Scott Bolinger came before the Board saying that he would like city and county officials to talk to those at the state level to invest in a Veterans Home as Scottsbluff County did. He felt the vacant Good Samaritan Nursing Home would be an ideal location. Commissioners asked Mr. Bolinger to gather more information to bring before the Board during February.

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

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 10:09 a.m., with roll call: Lore, Hashman and McGinnis present.

Prior to adopting the salary resolution for 2019-2022 term, that must be set before January 15, 2018 as per state statute 23-1114, Doug Hashman moved to increase official's base salary to \$51,500.00 for 2019; set Public Defender at \$49,000.00; set County Attorney salary for 2019 at \$50,000 with no participation in county health plan, seconded by Susan Lore. For discussion, Commissioner Lore would like to simplify the budget preparation time by establishing 1.5% increase for all county employees. For discussion, Mike McGinnis wanted to increase Commissioners 55% of base instead of the current 50%. Commissioner Hashman stated he is quite happy with the current percentage of base. Commissioner Lore suggested adding to the mileage line item at budget time for the Commissioners. Doug Hashman moved to amend his motion to add County Surveyor salary for 2019 be established at \$1,000.00 with no participation in county health plan, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Doug Hashman moved to adopt Salary Resolution 2018-01, establishing salaries for 2019-2022, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to reject all three iphone bids previously received and to re-advertise the two iphones, that had been used at the extension office, accepting bids until 9:00 a.m., February 5, 2018, in the office of the County Clerk, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, abstained; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

During the road and equipment report, fuel contract was discussed, the need for the current handbooks to be printed and distributed, and thoughts on road projects for upcoming road hearing, set for 10:00 a.m., February 20, 2018. Commissioner Hashman would like to hear road employee's thoughts on upcoming projects also.



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Prior to signing monthly payroll claims, discussion took place regarding the 1.5% raise. Commissioner Hashman did not want the January 8, 2018 payroll to reflect the raise, as the hours worked in December are being paid on January 8, 2018. County Attorney Rodak stated that elected officials must take their raise in January. County Clerk Messersmith and County Assessor Robinson along with Commissioner Lore stated that raises have always been reflected on the January payroll. County Clerk Messersmith stated that her budget along with other elected officials figure their budgets with 6 months of current salary and then 6 months with the percentage in salary increase. Susan Lore moved to sign payroll and claims, and the claim for the new sheriff vehicle, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, no; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

**GENERAL:** Payroll 114,085.27; AFLAC 1,122.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 625.48; Bank of the West 41,286.86; Box Butte County Treasurer 89,544.00; Gene Steffy Chrysler 27,641.00 - vehicle; Lincoln National Life Insurance 182.03; Ne Dept Rev/Compliance Division 150.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 20,884.29; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4,947.83. **ROAD:** Payroll 33,662.02; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 166.96; Bank of the West 7,916.23; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,096.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,111.12; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,441.02.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairperson