



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., February 5, 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 January 27, 2018, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website February 1, 2018. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 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, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve January 16, 2018 minutes as written and emailed to the Board members, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, abstained; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign monthly County Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioner and Clerk of District Court reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Mike McGinnis and Doug Hashman reported on board meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign payroll claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Payroll 115197.80; AFLAC 1218.48; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 625.48; Bank of the West 37542.22; Box Butte County Treasurer 85798.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 175.85; NE Dept Revenue 150.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 21110.65; State of NE Dept of Revenue 4652.51; **ROAD:** Payroll 38053.68; Ameritas 166.96; Bank of the West 7,877.77; Box Butte County Treasurer 1096.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2326.71; State of NE Dept of Revenue 1662.85.

Alliance City Transit Director Janine Iossi came before the Board to request support from the County of Box Butte for the transportation program. The City of Alliance is requesting support of \$1000.00 per month, which is the current rate of support. Commissioner Lore stated that \$12000.00 had been included in the current fiscal year budget for support. Susan Lore moved to continue support in the amount of \$1000.00 per month, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis opened four sealed bids for two surplus cell phones and Commissioner Lore read the bids from Kay Bakkehaug, \$40.00 each; Kami Will \$25.00 each; Tim Hashman \$45.00 each; Val Bell \$43.50 each. Susan Lore moved to accept Tim Hashman's bid of \$45.00 each, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, abstained; Mike McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Scott Bolinger informed the Board that he was still attempting to contact representatives and members of the state veteran's office to see if there is an interest in purchasing the Good Samaritan Nursing Home building. Mr. Bolinger will provide updates when available.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan, at the direction of the Board, had requested informal bids from 21st Century Equipment and Alliance Tractor & Implement to rent tractors. 21st Century bid \$16.54/hour and Alliance Tractor & Implement bid \$13.00/hour, Alliance Tractor representative Dave Hartung was present to answer any questions. Doug Hashman moved to award Alliance Tractor & Implement the bid, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan discussed possible railroad crossing closures in the county with the board. Susan Lore moved to not close any crossings at this time, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Barb Keegan will notify Todd Palmer with Nebraska Department of Roads of the boards' motion.



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Box Butte County Road Department Annual Program, 2018 and Box Butte County Road Department Annual Report, 2017 were provided to the Board. Commissioners Hashman and McGinnis stated during the road and equipment report that they felt that scrap iron should be sold in the County, as the labor and time driving to Scottsbluff could likely offset any price difference. Possible projects to be added to the 1 and 6 year road plan were discussed. The 1 and 6 year road hearing has been set and advertised for 10:00 a.m., February 20, 2018.

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Philip Black with Congressman Adrian Smith's office was present to provide Washington DC updates, and will conduct an open townhall meeting in the lobby of the county courthouse following his presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

With no public comment, Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk