



# 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. May 21, 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 May 12, 2018, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website May 18, 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. 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 Doug Hashman to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve May 7, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly report, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on various meetings they had recently attended. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

County Assessor Michelle Robinson provided additional information on the costs for a lease/purchase agreement for a copier, and Ms. Robinson had visited with architect Jerry Berggren regarding the removal of a wall in the Assessor's office and reported that Mr. Berggren stated that the inside wall would not affect the historical value of the courthouse building. Doug Hashman moved to proceed with removing the wall in the Assessor's office, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open as Board of Equalization at 9:38 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. During Board of Equalization, TERC hearings were discussed with County Attorney Rodak informing the board that hearings have been set for Box Butte County and Morrill County. Mr. Rodak also informed the board of costs involved. County Assessor Robinson requested to enter into executive session. Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 9:42 a.m., for the purpose of strategy session regarding pending litigation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were County Attorney Rodak, County Assessor Robinson and Commissioners Lore, Hashman, and McGinnis. At 10:08 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

County Assessor Robinson informed the board that the current 3-year GIS workshop contract is near the end of the renewal period. Doug Hashman moved to enter into a 1-year GIS Workshop contract at a cost of \$13,420.90, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis discussed black tail prairie dog problems with Commissioners Lore and Hashman and requested that County Attorney Rodak review a resolution provided from a neighboring county. Further discussion will be an agenda item for the June 4, 2018 board meeting.

Chief Jailer Julie Bergfield and County Sheriff Tammy Mowry discussed with the board the need to update and replace fixtures in one of the law enforcement building bathrooms, that is used by the sheriff and jail staff.



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Doug Hashman moved to authorize the replacement/updates for the bathroom, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis requested that road surplus items be advertised. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan will provide pictures of a land plane (road drag) and fork lift to Commissioner Lore to be placed on several internet sale sites, with bids to be opened June 4, 2018 at 10:30 a.m..

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Road Superintendent Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan requested a decision on armor coat projects for the year and suggested committing to 5 miles of armor coating. Beginning with 25<sup>th</sup> street (Nance Rd) east and west of city limits and the remainder to be applied to East 10<sup>th</sup> (Otoe Rd from CR58 east). Commissioner Lore wanted the project to continue to CR 55 instead of ending in the middle of a section. Commissioner Hashman requested that Hemingford Cemetery Road (CR69) be added. Rich Zochol will be allowed to haul rock provided by the county to a road near him.

Prior to approving claims, the Board along with County Attorney Rodak discussed the responsibility of two claims that had been sent to the sheriff's office. Claims from Box Butte General Hospital and Radiology Imaging of Nebraska will be added to the June 4, 2018 agenda for discussion. Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign the claims that had been properly submitted, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

With no public comment, Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

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

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Chairperson

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County Clerk