



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. July 16, 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 July 7, 2018, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website July 13, 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 Susan Lore to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Prior to approving minutes, Commissioner Hashman noticed that the sentence “No action taken” had been inadvertently omitted following the closing of closed session in the 4th paragraph of the first page. Mike McGinnis moved to approve July 2, 3, & 5, 2018 minutes with a correction on the July 2, 2018 minutes. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign monthly Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/ROD monthly reports, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view as were the Keep Alliance Beautiful quarterly reports and financial sheets. Board reports were heard.

Susan Lore moved to open Board of Equalization at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Robert Hunter had requested to speak during Board of Equalization regarding his homestead exemption and did not appear. Commissioner Lore stated that the county had not received a written request and doctor’s statement from Mr. Hunter in order to consider granting an extension to Mr. Hunter. With no action taken, Susan Lore moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Treasurer Val Bell had emailed a copy of the Box Butte County Treasurer’s Semi- Annual Statement to board members and a copy for public view.

Following the Treasurer report, Robert Hunter joined the meeting. Commissioner McGinnis told Mr. Hunter his opinion was that Mr. Hunter had had plenty of time to turn in his homestead exemption papers. Commissioner Lore stated that she is just one person on the Board, but she would disapprove his request as the time frame has passed. Commissioner Hashman informed Mr. Hunter that he has until July 20, 2018, to present letter in writing for extension request and a doctor’s letter.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, PC audit engagement letter for services, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to allow employees the opportunity to enroll in Vision Care Direct membership plan, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Employees will have the option to enroll with Vision Care Direct or the current VSP vision plan. Edward Stueve, sales director for Vision Care Direct will be contacted to set up dates to visit with county employees, with a date and time to be set for the road department at 101 Howard Street.



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As part of 2018-2019 fiscal budget preparations, the Board suggested officials and department heads add 1.5% increase to their operating budget and allow 1.5% increase in salaries, subject to changes that may be necessary in order to keep from raising the county’s tax call or to have a small increase, as Resolution 2018-01 has already established the salaries for elected county officials.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The signing of the Annual Certification Form will be added to the August 6, 2018 agenda.

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Chairman McGinnis recessed at 10:26 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 10:35 a.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis present.

Prior to approving claims, Renkoski Property Development contract was reviewed with County Attorney Rodak. The Board stated that the terms of the contract had not been met. County Attorney Rodak stated that the Regional West Medical Center claim, actually did not appear to be a bill and wanted clarification. Susan Lore moved to authorize and sign claims as presented, excluding Renkoski Property Development in the amount of \$4,083.33 and Regional West Medical Center \$5,283.18, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Following public comment time, Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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Chairman County Clerk