



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. August 20, 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 August 11, 2018, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website August 17, 2018. Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, absent; 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 Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, absent; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve August 6, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, absent, McGinnis yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Hashman present at 9:04 a.m. Motion to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly report was made by Doug Hashman, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was reviewed including KONE's proposal for the five year full load test, Chairman McGinnis stated he had spoken to O'Keefe Elevator about this test. Commissioners reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Deputy Sutphen could not provide an update on agenda item for the security system update, as the companies he had requested information from have not provided a response at this time. This will be added to an upcoming agenda when information is available.

Veteran Service Officer Dennis Laughlin introduced Sarah Foland as the Box Butte County Veterans Service Advisory Board's recommendation to fill the board vacancy. Susan Lore moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to confirm the appointment of Ms. Foland to the Veterans Service Board. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer Dennis Laughlin requested that the Board allow for van drivers to be paid a minimum one hour when they are called to work. The Board will review this request to see how often this happens and how it would affect other employees before any decision will be made.

The Board questioned the need to have \$900,000 in cash reserves for the 2018-2019 budget. Chairman McGinnis stated he would call Budget Consultant Pete Peterson regarding the cash reserves. Other budget items discussed were those offices that did not stay within the 1.5% increase as the Board had requested. Time and date for a budget hearing has not been set.

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Susan Lore to sign Resolution 2018-10: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts. No documents had been provided by political subdivisions requesting a dollar amount, and those amounts were left blank as Budget Consultant Peterson had informed the County Clerk, those amounts could be left blank. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis allowing County Clerk Messersmith to respond and sign transplant renewal documents as requested by RCI (Regional Care Insurance), in preparation for the upcoming county health renewal. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

