



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. September 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 August 25, 2018, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website August 31, 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 amended agenda, as NE Department of Agriculture representative Jeff Lampmann had requested to be moved to the September 17, 2018 agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve August 20, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes, McGinnis yes. Motion carried. No elected official reports were presented for acceptance. Correspondence was reviewed and available for public view. Due to scheduling changes, Doug Hashman moved to allow changing October 1, 2018 meeting to October 2, 2018, and due to election and the use of the Board Room, the November 5, 2018 meeting will be held on November 2, 2018, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to open as a BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to sign the correction book as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented with two corrections, a personal property correction and a 2017 TERC confession of judgement, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

During 2018-2019 budget discussion, cash reserves, lowering County Assessor's budget to reflect the 1.5% increase as the Board had requested, and questioning the purchase request for a new truck, were all discussed. 2018-2019 Budget Hearing was set for Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:30 a.m., and such hearing will be advertised in the September 12, 2018 Alliance Times Herald legal notices.

Deputy Treasurer Val Bell presented the Board with a personal property tax distress warrant listing, with the distress warrant resolutions to be an agenda item for the September 17, 2018 meeting.

County Attorney Travis Rodak advised to move forward with the DHHS renewal agreement as the county has an obligation to provide space only. Chairman McGinnis stated that a new rental agreement will need to be agreed upon with Stacy Shaw and the County to provide space.

Agenda item, NE Department of Agriculture representative Jeff Lampmann requested to be removed from this meeting and will be an agenda item for the September 17, 2018 meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Fuel prices were discussed with Ms. Keegan to notify three vendors for fuel prices. Although not on the agenda, Wes and Betsy Sorenson spoke regarding their concern that a Hemingford school bus with approximately fifty students cross the double track



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railroad crossing at CR72. Ms. Sorenson had contacted BNSF railroad requesting for gates to be established at the CR72 crossing. Many options were discussed including extending Cherry Road. September 17, 2018 agenda will include discussion regarding CR 72 and other options that could possibly provide more safety for the public and a better solution for the bus route.

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Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Chief Jailer Julie Bergfield discussed with the Board an invoice they had received from Box Butte General Hospital. Sheriff Mowry stated the county will be responsible for approximately \$400 to the hospital, however, the Colorado prisoner was released from Box Butte County custody prior to accumulating additional hospital costs. The \$400.00 invoice will be submitted with the September 17, 2018 claims.

At 1:50 p.m., Mike McGinnis moved to recess until 2:00 p.m. September 5, 2018, to sign payroll/claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the regular board meeting at 2:00 p.m., September 5, 2018, with roll call: Susan Lore, Doug Hashman, Mike McGinnis present.

Mike McGinnis moved to approved payroll and claims as printed and presented, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Payroll 109289.80; AFLAC 1122.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 557.98; Bank of the West 36471.62; Box Butte County Treasurer 91982.00; Credit Management Services 183.82; Lincoln National Life Insurance 188.89; NE Child Support Payment Center 482.74; NE Dept Rev/Compliance Division 150.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 20,661.23; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 4366.39; US Department of Education 352.29; Vision Care Direct 156.28. **ROAD:** Payroll 39294.64; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 42.04; Bank of the West 8042.14; Box Butte County Treasurer 1096.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2372.34; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1730.78; Vision Care Direct 143.18.

Susan Lore moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Attest: _____

Chairman

County Clerk