



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public meeting, at 9:00 a.m., February 4, 2019, 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 26, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website February 1, 2019. Chairman Doug Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore and Doug Hashman present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Hashman acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes as written and emailed to the Board, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner reports, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. With no correspondence, Commissioners reported on meetings that they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to open as Board of Equalization at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman Hashman to sign Alliance Christian Church Exemption Application Form 451, approving the exemption request, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman Hashman to sign CAPstone Child Advocay Center Exemption Application Form 451, timely approving the exemption as of today's date, February 4, 2019, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

VSL Alliance, LLC and VSL Alliance Assisted Living, LLC representative Carl Bieber spoke on behalf of Jack Vetter, owner. Mr. Bieber stated that the Vettters had applied to IRS and received exempt status, and that any profits are to be re-invested in the facility. Mr. Bieber went on to say that sixteen counties are being asked to consider exemption requests, with four counties hearing exemption requests today. Mike McGinnis moved to table Exemption Application 451 requests from VSL Alliance, LLC and VSL Alliance Assisted Living, LLC until the February 19, 2019 meeting, allowing for County Attorney Curtiss to have time to review information provided, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:38 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

First National Capital Markets Vice President of Public Finance, Tobin L. Buchanan, spoke to the board and provided information on bonds to finance possible future projects.

Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry spoke to the Board regarding the need to expand the deputy's office area. Susan Lore moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to remove a wall in the office area. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.



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Alliance Recreation Center (ARC) Director Mara Anderson and after school coordinator Olivia Wilson provided information on ARC's after school program for area children and the desire to have computers for those students to use. Ms. Anderson expressed her thanks for receiving four surplus computers to use in their programs.

County Attorney Terry Curtiss stated that several elected officials and department heads had met at 8:15 a.m., February 4, 2019, to discuss the safety committee/handbook. March 18, 2019 at 8:15 a.m., was set for the next meeting to discuss safety within the buildings and the need for possible funding requests. Commissioner Lore said she will attend the meeting on behalf of the Board.

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Next agenda item was building improvement discussion. Windows, cooling costs and repairs were discussed along with sidewalk replacement. Chairman Hashman stated the next step would be to contact an engineering firm and the need to have an architectural design. Commissioner Lore had concerns on how to finance projects, asking for tax dollars or funding from the inheritance fund, was discussed. Updates on building improvements will be an agenda item for the February 19, 2019 board meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, and continued discussion regarding the upcoming 1 & 6 year road plan hearing. Such hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., February 11, 2019 in the county courthouse.

Susan Lore moved to approve monthly payroll, disallowing Road Superintendent's \$25.00 claim request for longevity, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

The Board conducted a quarterly jail visit at 11:08 a.m., returning at 12:03 p.m., with roll call: McGinnis, Lore, Hashman present.

Board preapproval reports for payroll were signed following the jail visit, allowing for figures to represent the removal of longevity pay. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 118,174.16; AFLAC 1,826.96; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 654.08; Bank of the West 38,804.40; Box Butte County Treasurer 88,578.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 254.51; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,015.15; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 21,747.95; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4,850.55; US Department of Education 350.77; Vision Care Direct 125.38. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 36,927.35; AFLAC 122.13; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 32.04; Bank of the West 7,599.14; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,096.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 402.08; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 650.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,257.11; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,619.90; Vision Care Direct 143.18.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairman

County Clerk