



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., March 18, 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 March 9, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website March 15, 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. Deputy County Attorney Marissa 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 amend the agenda with the addition of Region 23 Emergency Management Agency declaration from a blizzard that occurred beginning March 13, 2019, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. With no public comment on agenda items, Susan Lore moved to approve March 4, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Clerk/ROD/Election monthly report, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view and Commissioners reported on meetings 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. Mike McGinnis moved authorizing Chairman Hashman to sign the correction book as Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins provided, with 4 corrections, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman read Region 23 Emergency Management Agency declaring a state of emergency, Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Hashman to sign the declaration, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved authorizing Chairman Hashman to negotiate a contract with Caleb Johnson, as the Budget Consultant for 2019-2020 fiscal year, seconded by Susan Lore. Commissioner Lore had contacted Cindi Richardson EA, and Ms. Richardson is not interested in submitting a proposal to prepare the budget at this time due to her present commitments. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Budget Consultant contract will be an agenda item for the April 1, 2019 board meeting.

County Treasurer Val Bell presented the recent tax sale listing to the Board. Stating that 70 parcels had been sold at the March 4, 2019 tax sale.

Hemingford Legion representative did not request a special liquor license as had been on the agenda.

Chairman Hashman stated the need for part-time staff to be added to building and grounds janitorial staffing. At 9:40 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session to evaluate current contracted janitorial services with Lori White, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session included Deputy County Attorney Marissa Curtiss, Commissioners Lore, McGinnis, and Hashman along with Lori White. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 10:16 a.m., that had been called to evaluate a current contracted individual, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.



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Mike McGinnis moved to offer Lori White a part time janitorial position with the County of Box Butte, at \$15.00 per hour, working 30 hours per week, with a start date of April 1, 2019, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to table handbook corrections, including employee vacation accrual and work week/hours worked definitions upon the advice of Deputy County Attorney Marissa Curtiss, allowing for review of labor laws, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing road conditions and equipment repairs following the March blizzard. Ms. Keegan presented a proposal from Mainelli Wagner & Associates for engineering services for 1.2 miles of Nance Road. Commissioners all agreed that they would like to see a hard surface going North on CR61 from Nance Road, 400 to 500 feet. They also agreed

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that the projects should be (2) 10-foot lanes with 3 foot shoulders that should be asphalt. Additional cost proposal will be brought back to the Board during a future meeting.

Susan Lore moved to approve monthly claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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 Chairman County Clerk