



# 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., May 20, 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 May 11, 2019, and Notice of Waiver of Bidding was also published on May 11, 2019 and agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website May 17, 2019. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Mike McGinnis and Doug Hashman present, Chairman Hashman excused Commissioner Susan Lore. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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 Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Prior to approving minutes, Chairman Hashman did not want to include public transportation services to the golf course as written in the May 6, 2019 minutes. Mike McGinnis then moved to approve May 6, 2019 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. No elected official's reports were available and correspondence was acknowledged.

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis authorizing County Attorney Terry Curtiss to propose the public transit agreement with the City of Alliance, with language the County Attorney has provided. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Public Transit Agreement 2019-02 will be a June 3, 2019 agenda item.

Randy Langemeier, a member of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) presented a Department of Defense award to the Box Butte County Clerk Office, recognizing employers and staff who support their National Guard and Reserve employees. Nomination for the award had come from 1057<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, SSG Raquel Oligmueller, an employee in the County Clerk/Register of Deeds Office.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben provided Agreement 2019-05: Agreement Number 19-73-31-2013RA defining the objectives, plan, resources and budget for wildlife management. Mike McGinnis moved authorizing Chairman Hashman to sign 2019-2020 USDA Contract, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Commissioner Hashman requested a report for services the USDA has provided in Box Butte County during the year.

Tory McVicker, owner of West Side Event Center, spoke regarding two events that will be held outside of the West Side Event Center building located near the building. Chairman Hashman asked if employees are current on their safe beverage training, Ms. McVicker stated that new employees have taken the online course. Doug Hashman moved to sign the State of Nebraska Special Designated Liquor License Application requests for June 22, 2019 and September 7, 2019 events, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried.

Craig Johnson, Business Development Consultant with Holmes Murphy introduced himself and would like to present employee health benefit options during the county's open enrollment for health insurance plans. Mr. Johnson went on to say that all pre-existing conditions are accepted due to the Affordable Care Act.

Doug Hashman moved to table handbook corrections and updates until the June 3, 2019 meeting in order for Commissioner Lore to attend, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried.

County Attorney Terry Curtiss outlined the formal bid process for Nance Road engineering services and is comfortable with the proposed contract (Agreement 2019-06) for engineering services with Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. Doug Hashman moved allowing Road Superintendent Barb Keegan to sign the agreement as Construction Manager Tony Armer provided seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore absent. Motion carried.



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Doug Hashman moved to open the public hearing at 10:03 a.m., requesting a segment of Franklin Road be abandoned and/or vacated, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Dustin McConville, owner of property on both sides of the road was present to answer any questions. At 10:13 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve Resolution 2019-04, with right-of-way being returned to adjacent property owners, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried.

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Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided road and equipment report, discussing possible costs for culverts needed to accomplish CR59 road repairs. CR59 costs estimates and updates will be on the June 3, 2019 agenda. Pat Behn had requested to speak to the board via telephone conference describing road conditions and conversations she had had with Road Superintendent Keegan regarding Banner Road and Arthur Road.

Courthouse renovations and financing will be continued on the June 3, 2019 agenda. Ameritas Investment Corporation Vice President, Brad Slaughter had emailed information on building bonds. County resident Marlin Wilcox asked if sidewalks were to be included in the renovations, stating that the current curb height makes for unsafe conditions.

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to approve claims as presented. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes; Lore absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk