



# 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., June 24, 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 June 12, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website June 21, 2019. Chairman 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, 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 Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve June 3, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to open Board of Equalization at 9:13 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to sign a refund claim for Burke Cattle Company in the amount of \$55.58, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Fair Board members Jeff Schumacher and Richard Roes were unable to attend the board meeting. Val Bell on behalf of the Fair Board requested a special designated liquor license (SDL) for the Box Butte County Fair, August 7-11, 2019. Doug Hashman moved to approve signing the SDL, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to sign a Mutual Indemnification agreement (2019-07) with Grant County, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss stated that this mutual indemnification agreement should be included during January reorganization.

Chairman Hashman provided a recap of his conversation with Willdan Group Inc., Mechanical Engineer Logan Nissenson. County Attorney Curtiss told the Board that they must make a decision on how much funding will be used out of the Inheritance Fund before soliciting proposals for courthouse renovations. No action taken.

Congressman Adrian Smith's representative Val Jansante was present to introduce himself to the Board, providing updates and was available to meet with public following his meeting with the Board.

Due to the recent removal of older trees that had fallen branches, an estimate of \$1,500.00 from Panhandle Tree Service to trim the remaining trees on the courthouse block had been submitted by Maintenance/Grounds Supervisor Lori White. Chairman Hashman advised Ms. White to contact Panhandle Tree Service and proceed with the tree trimming.

At 10:00 a.m., as advertised, Chairman Hashman opened two bids that had been received for chip seal application, Topkote with a bid of \$.519 and Figgins Construction with a bid of \$.41. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan requested time to view the bid packets prior to a vote.

Box Butte County resident Deb Campbell spoke to the Board and provided photos of roads near her home at 651 CR63, requesting maintenance and rock. No action taken.



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Budget workshop was set for July 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., date and time will be advertised. A 1.5% raise for employees, not included in the 2018-01 salary resolution, will be figured into the preliminary budget requests.

County Attorney Curtiss excused himself from the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Road Superintendent Keegan returned to the meeting following review of the application bids. Ms. Keegan informed the Board that Figgins Construction Inc. would be available to provide the application service within a week. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the \$.41 bid from Figgins Construction, seconded by Susan Lore. Discussion included how soon the County can actually be ready for the application. County

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resident Marlyn Wilcox asked what road this application was for, with the Board responding East Otoe Road.

County Attorney Curtiss returned to the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Road Superintendent Keegan will have employees and equipment on Otoe Rd repairing holes in anticipation of application beginning the week of July 8, 2019. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Following road and equipment report, Mike McGinnis moved allowing Road Superintendent Keegan to request for proposals on three more FEMA sites, covering 7000 Lincoln Rd, 1110 CR57 & 1380 CR57, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims/resolutions for 2018-2019 fiscal year end, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Chairman

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County Clerk