



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public budget workshop, at 9:00 a.m., August 12, 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 July 31, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website August 7, 2019. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Roll call: Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore and Doug Hashman present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. 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 to meet with elected officials and department heads for fiscal year 2019-2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Extension Office (645) employees John Thomas and Carol Kleinsasser discussed their budget adding \$100 to 2 1012 Printing & Publishing and \$2,000 to 4 0202 Photocopy.

Sheriff Tammy Mowry had added \$30,000 to 5 0301 Sheriff Auto and \$12,350 to 5 0302 Pickup/motor vehicle inspection fees. Purchase of a sheriff department vehicle is budgeted in Miscellaneous General (970). Money collected from title inspections 5 0302 can only be used for vehicle equipment for the County Sheriff (651). Sheriff Mowry discussed the County Jail (671) budget with the Board also.

County Attorney Terry Curtiss (652) discussed with the Board his request in asking for additional funding in the Deputy County Attorney 1 0201 Deputy's Salary budget line in order to hire another Deputy County Attorney. Stating the County Attorney's office is responsible for tax sale requirements, child support enforcement, felony and juvenile prosecutions, all of which has increased. Office equipment was also discussed as computers will need to be updated.

County Treasurer (603) Val Bell discussed office salaries and travel expenses, with additional DMV training this year.

County Assessor (605) Michelle Robinson informed the Board that she had added \$36,550 to two line items and that 2 2515 Pictometry payment line \$36,550 should be removed. Line 1 0100 Official's Salary should be raised to \$51,887 and Office Equipment 5 0500 should be lowered to \$9,000.

County Clerk (602) Judy Messersmith did not increase operating expenses, only the 1.5% salary increases were added. Judy Messersmith, Election Commissioner (607) added \$4,000 to voting equipment 5 0900, allowing for the purchase of required new voting equipment.

Chairman Hashman recessed at 11:02 a.m.

Chairman Hashman resumed at 11:10 a.m., with roll call: McGinnis, Lore and Hashman present.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan explained her requests for Road (300) funding, adding \$90,630 to salaries for raises and overtime due to FEMA projects. Removed 3 0203 Grader Blades to \$00.00; removed 5 0303 trucks to \$00.00; and lowered office equipment 5 0500 to \$1,000.00.

Public Defender (625) rental office space 4 0501 increased \$900.00.

Board changes to Building and Grounds (641) were made in salary lines 1 0303 Regular Time Salaries to \$33,000 and 1 0406 Part-time Custodian to \$30,000.00.

Board changes to Veterans Service (803) by the Board including lowering 1 0100 Official's Salary line to \$38,000; 1 0305 Regular Time Clerical to \$32,500.00; 1 0422 Veterans Driver to \$12,500; 2 1700 Travel Expense to \$750.00; 2 9900 Miscellaneous to \$3,500.00.



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Board changes to Miscellaneous General (970) including lowering 2 2915 Juvenile Costs to \$25,000.00; raising 2 4420 Behavioral Health Service Act to \$49,000.00; and adding \$25,000.00 to 5 0230 Courthouse Remodel Security.

Another budget meeting with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson will be advertised for 1:00 p.m., August 26, 2019.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk