



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., August 19, 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 August 7, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website August 16, 2019. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:01 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. Prior to accepting the agenda, a spelling correction was acknowledged and County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that Bob Phillips had contacted her office at 8:05 a.m., asking to be removed from the agenda. Mike McGinnis then moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve August 5, 2019 minutes and August 12, 2019 Budget Workshop minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official or office reports, correspondence included a letter from Bob & Sally Silhasek, that Chairman Hashman read as requested, regarding property taxes. Board members reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to open Board of Equalization at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Hashman to sign the correction book as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, seconded by Susan Lore. A total of seven corrections had been made, five mobile homes and two business closings. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close Board of Equalization at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Family Heritage Life Insurance representative Jason Schwarting was present to ask for permission to speak to county employees, providing supplemental insurance policies. Mr. Schwarting stated that these policies could continue with employees when they leave county employment and that employees would pay premiums directly to the company. Susan Lore moved allowing Mr. Schwarting to present his insurance programs to county employees, working around employee schedules, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to table Terry Jessen's Resolution request until NACO provided more information and opinion on the resolution, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss and the Board discussed a memorandum of understanding with the City of Alliance, regarding curb repairs, sidewalk and streetlight improvements. County Attorney Curtiss will submit a memo of understanding to the City. No action taken.

Commissioner Lore informed the Board that the Crime Commission State Grant that was signed during the August 5, 2019 board meeting would require new signatures, as Family Focus has changed directors and the signature needed is that of Commissioner McGinnis. Doug Hashman moved allowing Commissioner McGinnis to sign State Grant Award #19-CB-0533 documents, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

With the next budget workshop set for August 26, 2019, the board discussed the upcoming budget with possible budget reductions needed as County Assessor Robinson had recently certified valuations. Chairman Hashman called Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson, discussing several line items on the proposed budget. Elected officials and department heads will meet with the Board during an open and advertised budget workshop.

During agenda item, courthouse renovations and financing discussion, Willdan Performance Engineering Business Development Manager, Weston Gouger, was present to answer any questions the Board had regarding an energy project.



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County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board of steps to be taken for an energy project. Susan Lore moved selecting Willdan Performance Engineering as a qualified company to provide energy conservation making sure performance is met, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Allowing for adequate time for legal notice to be posted, review of required energy proposal third party evaluation will be an agenda item on the August 26, 2019 budget workshop and board agenda. County Attorney Curtiss will contact bond companies that have expressed a desire to provide bond funding or construction financing. Members of Willdan Performance Engineering have requested to be an agenda item for the September 3, 2019 board meeting.

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Continuing with courthouse renovations, Doug Hashman moved to accept the \$5,025.00 proposal from R&J Industries to replace 4 areas of sidewalk near the law enforcement building, seconded by Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, with FEMA updates, stating East Otoe road project has been completed. Tony Amer, Mainelli Wagner & Associates representative provided an update on the Nance Road project, stating that construction should begin on September 9th.

Susan Lore moved to table personnel/employee evaluations to the September 3, 2019 regular board meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. ‘

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

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairman

County Clerk