



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public meeting, at 1:00 p.m., August 26, 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 21, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website August 19, 2019. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.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 with agenda items being fiscal year 2019-2020 budget and review required energy proposal third party evaluations, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson was present to answer questions and update budget documents as the Board requested. Interlocal agreements were discussed as being different from a mutual aid agreement with the fire districts. Travel expenses (2 1700), mileage allowance (2 1704), and dues, subscriptions, registrations (2 1751), will be allowed at a total amount of \$4,250. Those budgets being affected are 601-County Board; 602-County Clerk; 603-County Treasurer; 605-County Assessor; 621-Clerk of the District Court; 625-Public Defender; 645-Extension; 671-Jail; and 803-Veterans. Corrections will be made in the operating statements to reflect the correct fund numbers to be used, deleting meals and lodging allowing for the correct coding to be travel expenses (2 1700). The Sheriff (651) and County Attorney (652) have specialized training and mandatory county attorney and deputy county attorney dues, allowing for larger requests in those code lines. Several small adjustments were made in the General Funds and will be reflected during the budget hearing. General Miscellaneous Fund adjustments were made to website costs, surveyor contracted services, miscellaneous, courthouse building, and other equipment code lines.

Recess was called at 3:40 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 3:45 p.m., with roll call: McGinnis, Lore, and Hashman present.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed energy proposal third party evaluation with the Board. Susan Lore moved to accept an energy conservation building plan as County Attorney Curtiss explained, as a mechanism to facilitate the project, not expecting utility savings to cover the debt, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Budget consultant Caleb Johnson informed the Board that a bond line would need to be in place in the 2019-2020 budget document.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan discussed the road budget with the Board, she had included nearly 3% increase in salary asking and stated that the road department has incurred considerable overtime with the road disaster repairs. Several line items were to be reduced or removed prior to the final budget hearing.

Susan Lore moved to sign Resolution 2019-09: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts. Motion died for lack of second as Hemingford Rural Fire District had not made a request on or before August 1, 2019, for any tax allocation. Doug Hashman moved to include 2018-2019 Hemingford Rural Fire District asking amount of \$193,390.06 with a total for the miscellaneous districts to be \$490,890.06, on Resolution 2019-09, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal year 2019-2020 budget hearing will be September 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk