



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., October 7, 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 September 25, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website October 4, 2019. Vice-Chairperson Susan Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Mike McGinnis moved to excuse Commissioner Doug Hashman, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-Chairperson Lore acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve September 16, 2019 minutes and September 23, 2019 special meeting minutes as written and emailed to the Board, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll claims and a claim to Gene Steffy Chrysler for the sheriff office patrol vehicle, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 121,649.43; AFLAC 1,977.54; American Life Insurance Corp 590.02; Bank of the West 39,811.38; Box Butte County Treasurer 133.00; Box Butte County Treasurer 98,370.00; Gene Steffy Chrysler 27,246.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 226.01; NE Child Support Payment Center 782.85; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,127.01; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4,905.83; US Dept of Education 379.80; Vision Care Direct 98.46. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 37,536.20; AFLAC 253.24; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 188.22; Bank of the West 7,693.17; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,412.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; Nationwide Management Services 354.91; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,660.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,379.38; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,542.31; Vision Care Direct 3.80.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

County Attorney Terry Curtiss provided background history regarding property owned by Terry and Brenda Crosswell and previous variances they had received from the county. Brenda Crosswell was present and stated that she and her husband had been denied financing because she said the financial institution had indicated that their property is non-compliant. Box Butte County zoning administrator Mike Johnson stated that there are differences between a variance, non-compliant and non-conforming properties. Mr. Johnson said he had spoken to a lady from an Omaha bank. Mr. Johnson went on to state that this property is non-compliant, stating that he calls it a legal lot but it is non-conforming, not meeting the 5-acre requirement. County Attorney Curtiss will call Mr. Milligan, an attorney, that Mr. Johnson claims is an expert on zoning. At this time, Vice-Chairperson Lore informed Brenda Crosswell and Mike Johnson that zoning will be an agenda item on the October 21, 2019 agenda, allowing for County Attorney Curtiss to contact Mr. Milligan. No action taken.

Veteran Service Officer Dennis Laughlin had requested raises for the veteran's drivers and office staff, retro to September 1st. Vice-Chairperson Lore stated that employees will receive a 1.5% cost of living raise beginning January 1, 2020. Ms. Lore asked Mr. Laughlin to check his budget request to make sure those increases were included. No action taken.

Alliance Police Chief John Kiss requested the approval for construction of a wall, adding an office for the Chief of Police in the law enforcement building. This will add an eight foot wall with a doorway. Susan Lore moved allowing the City of Alliance to add a wall, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried.



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Mike McGinnis moved to open Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to adopt Resolution 2019-16: Box Butte County Levies, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried. At 10:02 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close Board of Equalization, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried.

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Continuing with courthouse renovation discussion, County Treasurer requested that computer ports be reinstalled in the election office room #200, to be used during the renovation process. Susan Lore moved to allow the installation of computer ports in the election office, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried.

Veteran’s office employee Kami Wills requested additional mileage reimbursement for transporting several veterans. Commissioner Lore stated that all employees are to abide by the mileage chart the county had adopted. The Board discussed the use of personal and county vehicle use for the veteran’s office. Veterans Service Officer Dennis Laughlin had brought information to the Board regarding a new vehicle that will be an agenda item for the October 21, 2019 meeting, as a vehicle purchase was not an agenda item for this regular meeting. The Board informed Ms. Wills that the county has a Dodge Durango currently located at the Extension Office that the veteran’s office can use when available. No action taken.

Pages 1 and 3 of Catastrophic Leave section had been inadvertently left out of the current handbook. All 4 pages will be distributed to all department heads in order for copies to be made for their employee handbooks. No action taken.

Vice-Chairperson Lore read courthouse renovation financing proposal letters from Farmers State Bank and First National Bank. Mike McGinnis moved to accept First National Bank’s financing proposal, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan had accepted the county’s NIRMA dividend in the amount of \$8,473.00 and an award at the recent NIRMA seminar held in York, NE. Ms. Keegan asked to allow overtime for employees in order to complete FEMA requirements, with Commissioner Lore stating that the county needs to do what is required and Commissioner McGinnis stated that up to 15 hours of overtime would be allowed for office staffing per month.

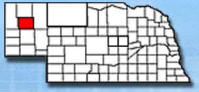
Susan Lore moved to sign Agreement 2019-10 between M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc. and Box Butte County for professional services for County Road 59, Cass Road and Hayes Road improvements, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, absent. Motion carried.

Quarterly jail visit will be added to the October 21, 2019 meeting agenda.

With all agenda items addressed, Vice-Chairperson Susan Lore adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk



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