



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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The Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting at 9:00 a.m., October 21, 2019, in 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 October 9, 2019, in the Alliance Times Herald, with agenda information emailed to Board members and posted on the county website October 18, 2019. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Susan Lore and Doug Hashman present. Susan Lore moved to excuse Commissioner Mike McGinnis, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded the proceedings. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Hashman acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the board room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Doug Hashman moved to table approving the October 7, 2019 minutes until Commissioner McGinnis is present, as Chairman Hashman would need to abstain due to his absence at the October 7, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. October 7, 2019 minutes will be added to November 4, 2019 agenda.

At 9:04 a.m., Chairman Hashman recessed from the Commissioner Board Room in order for the Commissioners to attend and speak to the County Government Day students in the District Court Room.

At 9:41 a.m., Chairman Hashman resumed the meeting in the Commissioner Board Room. Roll call: Susan Lore, present; Doug Hashman, present; Mike McGinnis, absent.

No elected official's reports were presented and correspondence was acknowledged. Board members reported on various meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Flex 7-Passenger Vehicle from Cover-Jones Motor Company, in the amount of \$27,400.00 from the Veteran's Aid Fund, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Commissioner Lore also stated that the Dodge Durango, currently housed at the Extension Office, is also available to transport Veterans.

County Attorney Terry Curtiss had spoken to Attorney David Ptak, who has expertise in zoning, regarding the Terry and Brenda Croswell tract of land, located in the SW1/4 Section 6-Township 25-Range 47. Box Butte County Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson was present and offered his opinion using the terms of non-conforming or non-compliant lot. County Attorney Curtiss stated that the Croswell property had been granted a variance and was legal and conformed to zoning requirements. County Attorney proposed that he contact First National Bank, informing the loan officers that the Croswell land is considered a legal property. Susan Lore moved allowing County Attorney Curtiss to contact First National Bank regarding the Croswell property, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Mike Stodden, owner of property at 407 and 411 Black Hills Avenue, with DHHS currently housed in the 411 Black Hills property, came before the Board to request an increase in rent. Mr. Stodden stated the rent had been the same the last two years. County Attorney Curtiss suggested that Mr. Stodden provide a written proposal for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, to be considered for the new fiscal year.

James Jelinek and Zach Jelinek described Frontage Road along highway 385 and the need for field access to their agricultural properties located in section 34-township 25-range-48 and section 5-township 24-range 48. The Jelineks and Terry Curtiss stated that they anticipated more favorable results from the Nebraska Department of Transportation if political subdivisions were supportive of the land owners needing access to their agricultural property. Susan Lore moved allowing County Attorney Curtiss to provide the Jelineks a letter of support from the County of Box Butte for two driveways, seconded by Doug Hashman. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan said that a turn lane is already built into the highway. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.



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Following road and equipment report, Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2019-17: County Annual Certification Program Compliance Form 2019, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to sign Resolution 2019-18: Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 20 seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes; Hashman, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Courthouse renovations and financing updates were reported, with financing documents to be a November 4, 2019 agenda item and heard roof replacement progress report. No action taken.

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Quarterly jail visit (47-109) will be added to the November 4, 2019 agenda, allowing for all Board members to be present.

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

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Attest: _____

Board Chairman

County Clerk