



# 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., December 2, 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 November 20, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website November 27, 2019. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore and Doug Hashman present. Motion carried. 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. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Prior to approving minutes, Commissioner Lore noted that a zero had been omitted in paragraph two and cast had been misspelled in paragraph three on the second page. Following the corrections being made, Susan Lore moved to approve and sign November 18, 2019 minutes as corrected, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. With no elected officials reports, correspondence was acknowledged and board reports were heard.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell informed the Board of the homestead tax loss in the amount of \$440,420.84, stating that the County of Box Butte receives six payments, between February and July from the state for homestead tax loss. No action taken.

Marty Petersen and Lori Brennan from Gregory's Insurance were present to discuss agenda item for health brokerage services. Mike McGinnis moved to table health plan brokerage services action until the December 16, 2019 meeting, seconded by Susan Lore. Allowing for all five companies that had requested to provide brokerage services the opportunity to address the Board and for the Board to have adequate time to review all proposals. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman provided an update on renovations and progress, stating that he had met with Alliance City Manager to discuss the street lighting, curb and gutter on Box Butte Avenue in front of the courthouse. Lighting will continue in front of the courthouse matching those newly installed lights in the downtown area. Willdan plans to have weekly meetings with courthouse staff to provide updates on scheduling and progress during the renovation.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, stating that the 1980 dump truck needs an injection pump and that she believes the truck is not worth repairing. The completion of lighting in the road building at 101 Howard Street has left pallets of old lights, with Commissioner Lore declaring them surplus and for the road department to list them for sale. Superintendent Keegan said that new E911 signs have arrived and asked who will install them. Chairman Hashman will discuss installation cost at the next E911 board meeting.

Road Superintendent Keegan informed the Board that, as agenda item stated, there has been a request for a stop sign at CR 68 & Perkins Rd. Ms. Keegan went on to state that an engineering study is needed for a stop sign installation. No action taken.

No action taken for approval for the road safety manual, as Chairman Hashman wanted to review the changes from the current safety manual to the proposed manual.

The 1 & 6 year road plan hearing has been set for February 10, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.



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At 11:35 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to recess until 10:00 a.m., December 4, 2019 to sign payroll, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman resumed the board meeting at 10:05 a.m., December 4, 2019, to sign payroll/claims in the County Clerk’s Register of Deeds vault, as posted. County Clerk Judy Messersmith called roll: Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore and Doug Hashman present.

County Treasurer Val Bell, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, and road employee Karna Hansen were present for payroll discussion. Employees working through noon hours, the prompt notification of vacation, sick, comp and gap hour use prior to printing payroll was discussed. Commissioner Lore requested to add payroll time and attendance discussion to the December 16, 2019 meeting agenda.

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Commissioner Lore left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Chairman Hashman recessed the meeting at 10:47 a.m., and will resume at 1:15 p.m., in order to sign balanced payroll and claim sheets.

Chairman Hashman resumed the meeting at 1:15 p.m., with County Clerk Messersmith taking roll call: Mike McGinnis, present; Susan Lore, present; Doug Hashman, present.

Susan Lore moved to accept and sign payroll as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 127,511.56; AFLAC 1,977.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 570.12; Bank of the West 41,627.87; Box Butte County Treasurer 133.00; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,802.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 222.18; NE Child Support Payment Center 893.56; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,559.10; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,314.89; US Dept of Education 448.92; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 34,612.84; AFLAC 253.24; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 178.22; Bank of the West 6,998.97; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,282.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 299.98; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,410.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,182.93; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,435.77; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk