



# 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., February 18, 2020, 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 Ledger on February 6, 2020, and Board of Equalization hearing notice was published in The Ledger on January 30, 2020. Agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website February 14, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis 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. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Doug Hashman made a motion to approve February 5, 2020 meeting minutes and February 10, 2020 road hearing minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official's reports, board members reported on recent meetings they had attended and correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Box Butte Public Employees Federal Credit Union Manager Stevie Buskirk provided an update on the Box Butte Public Employees Federal Credit Union's 80<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, stating that this is a closed federal membership and requested to speak to county employees and provide membership information to employees in their next direct deposit vouchers. Doug Hashman moved allowing Ms. Buskirk the opportunity to speak to employees, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., for permissive exemption hearing, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and allow Chairman McGinnis to sign Form 451 Exemption Applications that County Assessor Robinson had recommended for approval, seconded by Doug Hashman: American Legion James Barry Post #9 (070108919); Alliance Area YMCA (070031916); Alliance Christian Church (070036098); Alliance Congregations of Jehovah's Witness (070205310); The Anchor (070003726); Apostolics of Alliance (070177147); Berean Fundamental Church (070020817); Alliance Berean Fundamental Church (070030340); Berean Fundamental Church (070013314); Board of Managers of Berea Community Federated Church (070083576); Box Butte Co 4-H Council Inc (070011931); The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (070037280); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070074690); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070109427); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021201); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021112); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021813); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021023); Calvary Assembly of God Church (070044716); CAPstone Child Advocacy Center (070241163); Carnegie Arts Center Inc (070000832); Church of Christ (070010242); Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (070025606); Congregational Church (070018634); Dobby's Frontier Towners Inc (070080666); Dobby's Frontier Towners Inc (070080577); Evangelical Free Church of Alliance (070079668); First Baptist Church of Alliance (070036624); First Baptist Church of Alliance (070005532); First Christian Church (070105405); First Christian Church (070015031); First Presbyterian Church (070042861); First United Methodist Church (070013624); First United Methodist Church (070004811); Holy Rosary Church (070045569); Church of the Holy Rosary (070041458); Church of the Holy Rosary (070013632); Holy Rosary Church (070008345); Holy Rosary Church (070014744); Church of the Holy Rosary (070014736); Human Services Inc (070039321); Iglesia Bethel De Las Asambleas De Dios (070010382); Templo Bethel Asamblea De Dios (070011664); Immanuel Lutheran Church of Alliance (070013683); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070041415); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070105421); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070031983); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070031975); Indian Mission Church of God Inc (070044384); Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (070011486); Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (070108803); LODO Community Center LLC (070018189); Mission Store Inc/The (070002428); Mission Store Inc/The (070002436); Mission Store Inc/The (070002444); Northwest Community Action Partnership (070024413); Northwest Community Action Partnership



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(070010056); Region One Office of Human Development (070011281); Region One Office of Human Development (070035555); Scottish Rite Association of Alliance (070002274); Sisters of St. Francis (070042101); Sisters of St. Francis (070008337); St. Bridgets Church (070017980); St. Johns United Lutheran Church (070012903); St. John's United Evangelical Lutheran Church (070080119); St. Johns United Evangelical Lutheran Church (070214352); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070016445); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070008051); St. Matthews Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070009988); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070001324); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070041334); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070041342); United Methodist Church (070016674);

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VSL Alliance, LLC (070142440,070080313); VSL Alliance Assisted Living, LLC (070039364). Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved approving a portion to Exemption Application Forms 451: Alliance Aerie 136 (070115788); American Legion Post No. 9 (070018359); Alliance Post No. 1517 VFW (070034923), as recommended by County Assessor Robinson, and allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the applications, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to deny the Box Butte Co Agricultural Society's Exemption Application Form 451, as recommended by County Assessor Robinson, allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the denied application, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Ms. Robinson stated that this parcel of land is being farmed and is not being used for exempt purposes. Hashman, no; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as presented by Assessor Robinson, adding real estate to tax rolls, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Application for Exemption Form 457 for Church of Holy Rosary-St. Agnes Academy and Senior Services Inc., as approved by County Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:55 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Budget Consultant Caleb W. Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC, President, came before the Board to offer budget preparation services for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mr. Johnson discussed with the Board sending out preliminary budget requests prior to the end of the current fiscal year, with the Board allowing 1.5% salary increase for employees. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation (Agreement 2020-01) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis provided a copy of the "Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance." County residents Sheila Walker and Guy Hielscher urged the Board to consider adoption, stating that other Panhandle Counties have adopted the "Red Flag Law" and also discussed LB58. Allowing for County Attorney Curtiss and Commissioners time to read LB58 and the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance, Chairman McGinnis added the ordinance to the March 4, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session to protect the reputation to an individual with Darin Knepper and Commissioners Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Knepper left executive session at 10:40 a.m., and County Attorney Curtiss entered executive session at 10:40 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 10:47 a.m., that had been called for the



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protection to the reputation to an individual, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to appoint Darin Knepper as Interim Public Defender until July 31, 2020, with compensation equal to \$50,818 yearly salary with full time employee benefits, beginning March 2, 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. Following discussion, Doug Hashman withdrew his motion, followed by Susan Lore withdrawing her second.

Doug Hashman moved to appoint Darin Knepper as Interim Public Defender until July 31, 2020, with beginning date of employment to be February 29, 2020 and salary equal to current salary resolution for elected county officials and all county benefits for full time employees, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will prepare an agreement for public defender services.

Chairman McGinnis, called recess at 11:05 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:08 a.m., with roll call: Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, present.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Proposals for a tractor lease will be an agenda item for the March 4, 2020 meeting.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-04, adopting the 1 & 6 year road improvement program, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Susan Lore, based on an engineering study from M.C. Schaff & Associates, moved to not place a regulatory stop sign at the intersection of CR68 and Perkins Road, seconded by Doug Hashman. The Board discussed with county resident Amanda Cotton the findings of the engineering study. Ms. Cotton requested that the Board travel the road for consideration and to review the intersection, and several families with children travel through that intersection. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda item for 911 sign installation proposals, clarified that such proposals must be received in the office of the County Clerk by 3:30 p.m., February 28, 2020. Proposals will be on the March 12, 2020, 911 Board agenda.

Courthouse renovation updates and progress reports were heard. Doug Hashman moved allowing for the wall to be removed between the District Court jury room and law library, seconded by Susan Lore. This will allow more security for jurors to move between the court room and jury room. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:55 p.m.,

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Chairman

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



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