



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., April 6, 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 March 26, 2020. Agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website April 2, 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 Court Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Mike McGinnis moved to approve March 4, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, abstain; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve March 16, 2020 minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, abstain. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approved March 26, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had attended, and Commissioner Hashman reported that he had authorized a road soil sample recently. The Board will look into conducting future meetings via Zoom, during the COVID -19 pandemic with County Treasurer Val Bell offering to assist.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 122,103.21; AFLAC 1,915.92; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 505.96; Bank of the West 39,517.58; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,486.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 228.78; NE Child Support Payment Center 751.53; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,014.53; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,016.00; US Department of Education 368.13; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net payroll 37,963.40; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 196.24; Bank of the West 7,554.23; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,410.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,323.70; St of NE Dept Revenue 1,586.93; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80. **COUNTY BUILDING FUND:** fnbo interest 2,742.32.

Health Plan Broker Samantha Stoltenberg spoke to the Board via telephone conference. Ms. Stoltenberg along with her team members outlined self-funded prescription and pharmacy services and potential savings to the County. Commissioners McGinnis and Lore requested that local pharmacies be contacted to make sure that prescriptions can be honored as they currently are. Health plan proposal will be added to the April 20, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

County Clerk Judy Messersmith left the meeting at 9:55 a.m., with Deputy County Clerk Gwen Taylor recording the meeting.

Barbara Keegan, Road Superintendent, provided a road and equipment report via telephone. No action taken.

JD Sutphen was awarded the 911 sign installation, upon 911 Board's recommendation. Mr. Sutphen's proposal was for \$5,600.00. No action taken.

The 10:00 a.m. agenda item for awarding Jefferson Road and Logan Road repairs will be an agenda item on the April 20, 2020 meeting. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., proposals from R&J Industries and KL Wood & Co., LLC for sidewalk replacement were opened. Susan Lore moved to reject all proposals, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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County Clerk Messersmith resumed recording meeting minutes at 10:35 a.m.

Sealed bids for courthouse sidewalk replacement will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 8:30 a.m., May 4, 2020. Sealed bids will be opened, awarded or rejected at 10:00 a.m., May 4, 2020.

At 10:37 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

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Susan Lore moved to go into executive session at 10:37 a.m., to discuss TERC litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis. At 11:02 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss TERC litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to confess judgment on Michael J. Dafney TERC appeals: 19C0025; 19C0026; 19C0027; 19C0028, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to accept Anita Allen/Prairie Creations quote for courthouse window blinds. Included in the quote is the second-floor split window continuous loop shade in the amount of \$310.00 and blinds in golden oak for sixty-nine windows at a quoted price of \$17,973.00. Additional blinds will be measured for the window in the Treasurer office vault housing the county’s computer network and the windows in the Register of Deeds vault windows. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

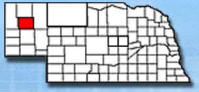
Willdan Project Manager Chris Barton provided an estimated cost of \$744.00 for an additional single outlet. Susan Lore moved to approve all additional outlet requests, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis will contact a potential candidate for the Public Defender position. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
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