



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met via Zoom, at 9:00 a.m., May 4, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on April 23, 2020. Agenda and zoom information emailed to board members and posted on the county website May 1, 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 via zoom. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present via zoom. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board 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. Susan Lore moved to approve April 20, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to table elected officials and office reports to the May 18, 2020 meeting, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda item to revisit the county employee's pharmacy plan was due to recent correspondence from Insurance Broker Samantha Stoltenberg stating that local pharmacies were pleased with Southern Scripts Pharmacy plan. Commissioner Lore stated that she is in favor of switching to Southern Script as this could be a big savings for the County and she was pleased that local pharmacies are in favor of this plan. Motion made by Doug Hashman to transfer pharmacy plan to Southern Scripts beginning July 1, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners provided reports on various board meetings. Also stating that the next board meeting to be held on May 18, 2020 will continue to be a Zoom meeting.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, correcting 2 personal properties and 1 real estate, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, County Assessor Robinson and Commissioner Lore, as an expert witness, had participated in a recent TERC show/cause hearing, providing testimony regarding rural residential properties. Mike McGinnis, moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:28 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County resident Jim Ford, 6301 Lincoln Rd., had requested to speak to the Board regarding Lincoln Road. Mr. Ford stated that culverts were damaged and needed repair and he would like Commissioner Hashman and Road Superintendent Keegan to look at the road and culverts. Commissioner Hashman and Road Superintendent Keegan will meet Mr. Ford following the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Chairman McGinnis reported to the Board that he had been in contact with a possible Interim Public Defender candidate. No action taken.

County Clerk Messersmith had been contacted by the City of Alliance, informing the county that only one county burial space was available. The county had last purchased cemetery spaces in 2013. Doug Hashman moved to approve the purchase of four additional county burial spaces in the amount of \$960.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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NIRMA had recently provided recommendations of telecommuting policies. Commissioners Hashman and Lore wanted to see how area counties are handling this. Chairman McGinnis will discuss telecommuting policies with area Commissioners. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to let out public bid proposals for street light proposals for lighting on Box Butte Avenue in front of the courthouse, seconded by Susan Lore. Discussion included the need to move forward with the lighting project and to give everyone the opportunity to bid. Prior to a vote, Doug Hashman moved to amend the motion to send out bid packets to electrical contractors and publish in the newspapers with bids to be opened at 10:00 a.m., June 3, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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At the advertised time, 10:00 a.m., County Clerk Messersmith opened the 2 bids that had been received in the office of the County Clerk prior to 8:30 a.m. County Attorney Curtiss read the bids received from R&J Industries and KL Wood & Company LLC. Doug Hashman moved to accept the bid from KL Wood & Company LLC in the amount of \$85,000, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Hashman said he will contact the Alliance City Manager to discuss the curb on the North side of the courthouse on 6th street.

Willdan Project Manager Chris Barton discussed courthouse renovation progress with the Board. Mr. Barton provided the change order cost of \$14,442 for electrical outlets that had been previously voted on and approved. Also discussed was a leak that had occurred in the maintenance office, assessor office and second floor probation office during the last rain. Susan Lore reported that the ceiling light located in the lobby has been refurbished and Snell Electrical will reconnect the light fixture.

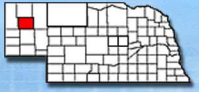
Doug Hashman moved to approve monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 127,247.45; AFLAC 1,915.92; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 505.96; Bank of the West 40,937.08; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,794.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; NE Child Support Payment Center 782.03; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,660.10; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,317.77; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 37,979.79; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 196.24; Bank of the West 7,562.42; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Credit Management Services Inc 400.25; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,210.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,278.59; State of NE Dept of Revenue 1,597.94; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairman

County Clerk



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