



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in a regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., June 3, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on May 21, 2020. Agenda was posted on the county website and emailed to board members May 15, 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 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; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and was available for public view.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved, seconded by Doug Hashman allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor Robinson presented. Susan Lore moved to sign a refund in the amount of \$741.24 to Jason and Carey Tritle, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Board of Equalization property protest hearing dates were amended to begin on June 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., and amend July 1, 2020 to begin at 1:30 p.m., with those dates and times to be re-advertised. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Poots, District Manager for Eagleview presented a budget proposal for 2021, with Flight 1 total at \$95,004.80. Mr. Poots was to inquire about cost share with adjoining counties, Sheridan and Dawes. No action taken.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben presented the wildlife damage management program proposal for fiscal year 2020-2021, not to exceed \$20,115.71. County Attorney Curtiss will review the current contract and the Board requested for District Supervisor, Jerry Feist to attend the June 22, 2020 board meeting. Susan Lore moved to table signing an agreement with USDA, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman McGinnis opened the two street lighting bids that had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Triangle Electric Inc. submitted a bid of \$42,306.00, and Jaybird Electric submitted a bid of \$34,456.56. Jane Faber with Triangle Electric was present and stated that they had completed the previous downtown lighting improvements. Commissioner Lore felt that companies need to follow the bid specs and that Jaybird Electric had not submitted a bid bond. Susan Lore moved to award the street lighting bid to Triangle Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$42,306.00, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hashman excused himself from the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Box Butte County Fair Board Member, Jeff Schumacher, came before the Board to request a special designated liquor permit for the Box Butte County Fair, August 5, 2020 to August 9, 2020. The Board asked about trained servers, with Mr. Schumacher stating he is current on his training. Susan Lore moved approving and allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the special designated liquor permit, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, absent; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hashman returned to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Attorney Joel Burke was interviewed by the Board of Commissioners.



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Following an interview, Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session at 10:40 a.m. with Mr. Burke and Commissioners Lore, Hashman and McGinnis, to discuss public defender position, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Burke exited closed session at 11:00 a.m. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 11:10 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to offer the Box Butte County Public Defender position to Attorney Joel Burke, with a yearly salary of \$51,511.00, including all officials' benefits, beginning July 1, 2020, seconded by Doug Hashman. Prior to vote, Susan Lore amended her motion to include allowing the Public Defender to have

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a private practice also, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will draft a contract and Mr. Burke will notify Chairman McGinnis by Friday morning, June 5, 2020, if he will accept the Public Defender position.

Correspondence included a revised lease from Mike Stodden, correcting the dates to correspond with fiscal years. The lease agreement/contract will be an agenda item for the June 22, 2020 meeting. Commissioners reported on meetings they had attended via zoom. Susan Lore moved to approve the May 18, 2020 minutes, following Commissioner Hashman's request to include total dollar amount for the Jefferson Road project, that Road Superintendent Keegan provided, which was \$153,771.25, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan will contact the insurance carrier regarding the loss of shingles and condition at the Alliance shop.

Willdan Construction Engineer Chris Barton provided an update on the courthouse renovation project, stating that renovations are almost complete. Mr. Barton discussed the roof condition, fixing a broken pipe in condensing unit, checking out some noises in ceiling heating/cooling units and also mentioned some lights needing to be replaced.

Added to the June 22, 2020 agenda will be the completion sign-off documents presented by Willdan.

Added to the June 22, 2020 agenda will be Commissioner's employee review.

Added to the June 22, 2020 agenda will be updates on the custodian's list of repairs.

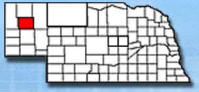
Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 129,738.02; AFLAC 1,884.98; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 515.86; Bank of the West 41,179.95; Box Butte County Treasurer 94,226.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; NE Child Support Payment Center 782.63; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,509.28; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,425.73; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 35,121.85; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 196.24; Bank of the West 6,649.42; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 356.51; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,210.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,067.78; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,359.18; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk



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