



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., June 22, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on June 11, 2020. Agenda was posted on the county website and emailed to board members June 19, 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. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve June 3, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign County Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and was available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, correcting real estate, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Indian Mission Church of God Form 457 Application for Exemption, as County Treasurer Bell had previously approved, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Tax Equalization and Review Commission had mailed Commission's orders for hearings on the merits of the appeals orders for single commissioner hearing and notice of hearing, that arrived in the mail prior to the meeting. County Attorney Curtiss and Commissioner Lore are not in favor of a single commissioner hearing, discussing the costs involved for the county and taxpayers. Commissioner Hashman asked County Assessor Robinson to confess judgement, in order to dismiss the appeals. TERC hearing appeals will be added to the July 6, 2020 agenda, as the notice of hearings had not been an agenda item. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to reject the proposed City of Alliance Transportation Agreement, noting that agreement dates in paragraph 9 were incorrect and questioning paragraph 4b. that did not state services were to be provided to residents in and near communities of Alliance and Hemingford, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. City of Alliance will be contacted regarding changes to the agreement.

No action taken on extending paving near the sheriff's parking lot, that the Alliance Police Department had requested for parking spaces. Discussion included using the gravel area on the North side of the jail as parking, snow removal and drainage.

Doug Hashman moved to approve the Commercial Lease Agreement 2020-03 between SLM Enterprises, LLC and Box Butte County for DHHS services, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve Interlocal Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Caseworker Services 2020-04 with Morrill County, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Willdan Construction Field Engineer Chris Barton spoke to the Board via telephone, informing the Board that the chiller drainage problem will be corrected, Samsung had received notice about noise in the Assessor's office coming from the cooling system and that the leak and cap on the roof was to be repaired during this week. Chairman McGinnis asked about state inspections and Mr. Barton informed the Board that inspections had taken place. Susan Lore moved to table signing certificates of completion, seconded by Doug Hashman until corrections have been made. Hashman, yes; Lore,



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yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Certificate of substantial completion or completion documents will be an agenda item for approval during the July 6, 2020 board meeting.

Lori White provided a building and grounds report, informing the Board that an ash tree has died, with the Board allowing for a replacement and that Anita Allen will be installing blinds in the courthouse offices this week.

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Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims, with the exception of a conflict claim, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve and sign a conflict claim in the amount of \$11,000 payable to MCT Trucking, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, abstain; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Supervisor Jerry Feist and Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben were present to discuss the financial plan agreement for wildlife nuisance problems. Doug Hashman moved to renew agreement 2020-05 in the amount of \$20,115.71 for wildlife services, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Recess called at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:30 a.m, with roll call: Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis present.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that the leased tractor has arrived and that Running Water/Wilkins is opening a pit, projecting 8500 ton. Ms. Keegan will follow up on pit royalty of price per ton vs. price per yard and stated that this rock could be used on Arthur Road project. Road Superintendent Keegan and Chairman McGinnis will visit with Grant County Road Superintendent and a Grant County Commissioner regarding a specialized contract between the two counties for millings and rehaul of rock. Follow up to the meeting between the two counties will be an agenda item for the July 6, 2020 meeting.

Road Superintendent Keegan will advertise for project 267 hauling, with bids to be in the Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened at 9:15 a.m., with action during the meeting after review.

Susan Lore moved to table Board employee's reviews to July 6, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

During fiscal year 20-21 discussion, County Attorney stated he will contact those financial businesses/bond companies that had shown an interest in long term tax exempt bond proposals.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis opened BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:30 p.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present. County Assessor Robinson and County Clerk Messersmith present. Property protest hearings were heard from Joshua Dean, Chris Thompson, William Fattig, Steve Burney, John Burke, George Krejci, Chasity Jones and Steve Rumsy. Protests from Randy Garrett, Douglas Miller and Berean Fundamental Church were read during the hearing.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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Attest: _____

Chairman

County Clerk