



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., July 6, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on July 2, 2020. Agenda was posted on the county website and emailed to board members July 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 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 with three additions, added on July 2, 2020, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve June 22, 2020 minutes and June 30, 2020 Board of Equalization minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner reports, 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.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 127,962.48; AFLAC 1,884.98; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 505.86; Bank of the West 40,991.51; Box Butte County Treasurer 97,972.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 236.06; NE Child Support Payment Center 374.83; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,257.87; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,315.90; Independent Eye Care Professionals 110.34. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 38,989.13; AFLAC 191.36; Bank of West 7,555.10; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 400.09; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,535.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,391.06; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,590.00; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

No action taken on the City of Alliance Public Transportation Agreement from last meeting.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry updated the Board on the law enforcement building air conditioner stating she had contacted local companies and they do not want to submit a quote for repairs or replacement. Rasmussen Mechanical Services representative Kelly Aldren and Tom Law presented a \$117,210.00 quote for new condenser and cooling coil, control, upgrade on 12 zone air handler and boiler plant for the law enforcement building. Mr. Law and Mr. Aldren described the condition of the current system and that they will only be allowed to charge with R22 refrigerate so many times. Doug Hashman moved to approve the specialized bid quote in order to move forward with the project, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:46 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Robinson informed the Board that she will be meeting with legal council on Thursday, July 9, 2020, to discuss pending appeals. County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board that he will make a 3 person appeal request to the TERC Board in order to meet deadlines. Pending TERC appeals will be added to the July 20, 2020 agenda. Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Susan Lore, allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Iglesia Bethel Asambleas De Dios De Mexico exemption application form 457 that County Treasurer Bell had recommended. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:50 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to extend Randy Langmeier's Box Butte General Hospital Board of Trustee position one more year, in order to be in compliance with statute 23-3502. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Agreement 2020-06: engagement letter for audit services with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Continued from the July 6, 2020 meeting was the discussion for additional paving at the law enforcement building. Also discussed was parking on the North side of the jail for courthouse employees, freeing parking on the side streets and on Box Butte Avenue for the public's use. Chairman McGinnis will meet with the Alliance City Manager to discuss parking requests and public transportation agreement request, to be added to the July 20, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee Lori White informed the Board on renovations that have not been completed as of this date. Ms. White had talked to Willdan Engineer Chris Barton regarding the

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incompleted projects. No action taken on Willdan completion sign-off papers due to the incompleted repairs.

County Treassurer Val Bell provided the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report as required, to the Board, with no action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:25 a.m, to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Hashman, Lore and McGinnis present in executive session. At 10:50 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Box Butte County Commissioner Susan Lore and Road Superintendent Barb Keegan will meet with Grant County representatives July 14, 2020, to discuss millings and a possible rehaul contract. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that she had had a speed limit reduction request on CR 70 near Hemingford. Ms. Keegan will provide a traffic speed count at the next meeting for consideration.

Three estimates for roofing the county shop building at 101 Howard Street had been received. Doug Hashman moved to accept Charles & Rhonda Hamm Enterprises LLC estimate of \$14,520.00, plus the additional \$2,000.00 upgrade to 26 gage steel, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 11:28 a.m., for employee review with Road Superintendent Keegan, seconded by Mike McGinnis, with all three Board members present. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for an employee review at 12:52 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to table 20-21 fiscal year budget discussion to the July 20, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis recessed at 12:53 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 1:33 p.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Mike McGinnis and Doug Hashman present.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:33 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

County Clerk Messersmith administered the oath to Board members Hashman, Lore and McGinnis, County Assessor Robinson and members of the public protesting their valuations. Protest valuations were heard from: Deb Campbell, Christal Powell, Brandon Powell, Brendan C. Lilley, telephone call with Scott Brettman (Helroy LLC), Diane Olson,



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Mark Cover & Darwin French (Cover Jones Motor Co), Richard & Rosie Collins, Tim Kumpf, Steph Mantooth (Steph's Studio), Sharon Wignall, and Kyle Huss.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 4:18 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 4:23 p.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present.

Continuing with protest hearings: John & Patricia Ruffing, George Creve-Coeur, Joseph Herrington, Milton & JoAnn Strang, Tim Garwood (Atabrit), Mark Strand, Rosa & Manuel Vazquez and Doug Hashman.

Property protests read into record were from: Matthew Ailey, Virgil Elliott & Terry Elliott.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman

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County Clerk