



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., August 5, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on July 23, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on August 3, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 with the addition of a signature request from Nebraska Forest Service, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis excused himself from the meeting at 9:03 a.m. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve July 20, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis returned to the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Correspondence was available for public view, and board reports were heard. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign official's reports from Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioner, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll claims, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. **GENERAL:** Net Salaries 135,992.36; AFLAC 1,884.98; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 555.82; Bank of the West 44,424.87; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,746.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,943.48; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,801.05; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. **ROAD:** Net Salaries 42,095.83; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 8,234.92; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,485.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,426.72; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,792.90; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Tanya Storer, a candidate for Legislative District 43, was present to introduce herself to the Board and discuss legislative issues.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:43 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, with 2 mobile home accelerations, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis recessed from BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:45 a.m.

Alliance City Manager Jeff Sprock was present to provide Public Transportation information. Informing the Board that the Public Transportation is being fully funded at this time from the federal government, and will not be asking for financial support from the County and Box Butte General Hospital for this year. No action taken.

The Board had reviewed four proposals for renovation bonding prior to the meeting. Upon the advice from County Attorney Curtiss, Chairman McGinnis will contact local financial advisors for their expertise in comparing fees, rates and terms. Bond financing will continue to be an agenda item on the August 17, 2020 meeting agenda. No action taken.

Box Butte County resident Jeanette Hucke, 421 CR 79, Hemingford, NE came before the Board to request rock for their roads and asked to have the roads maintained. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, stating that a Form 10 Resolution will be on the August 17, 2020 agenda.



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Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 11:12 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman to discuss a personnel matter with Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, County Attorney Curtiss and Barb Keegan present. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 11:42 a.m., that had been called to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

At 11:44 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session for an employee review with Veteran’s Service Officer Dennis Laughlin, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 12:15 p.m., that had been called for

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an employee review, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the Pine Ridge Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux Counties as requested by Region 23, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of items needing to be corrected or completed in order for the renovation to be completed. Willdan completion sign-off papers will continue to be an agenda item. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis resumed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 12:17 p.m., roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 12:17 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Hashman, Lore and McGinnis and County Attorney present for executive session. At 12:47 p.m. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for pending litigation and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

A budget workshop has been advertised for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk