



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public meeting, at 10:00 a. m., August 24, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on August 13, 2020, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website August 21, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Prior to Randy Langemeier, CPA, introducing himself, Chairman McGinnis stated that Mr. Langemeier was simply present to provide comparisons between Baker Group Public Finance Division and D.A. Davidson and that no decisions will be made today choosing a bond company. Selecting a bond company will be an agenda item for the September 4, 2020 meeting.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson was present to answer questions and update budget documents as the Board requested. Mr. Johnson will add bond fund code number 3000 with function numbers added for interest payments (6-022) and debt payments (6-0701). Travel expenses (2 1700), mileage allowance (2 1704), and dues, subscriptions, registrations (2 1751), will be allowed at \$1,500 on each function number for all offices. Elected officials and employees speaking during the workshop were: Extension Office – Carol Kleinsasser and John Thomas, County Treasurer Val Bell, County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Patty Kulas, County Attorney Terry Curtiss, Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, Veterans Service Office Kami Wills, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan and County Clerk Judy Messersmith. Extension Agent (645) has a one time increase of \$14,000 to line 1 0202 4-H Assistant salary. County Sheriff (651) was allowed to increase line 1 0202 other deputy’s salary to \$230,551, allowing for a fifth deputy. The Board asked Mr. Johnson to make several adjustments in the Miscellaneous General 970 prior to the final draft.

Recess was called at 11:55 a.m

Meeting resumed at 12:00 p.m., with roll call: Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis present.

Prior to approving Resolution 2020-08: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, the Board and Mr. Johnson discussed 77-3443 (3)(4). Other political subdivisions; levy limit; levy request; governing body; duties allocation of levy. The Ag Society, Hemingford Rural Fire District and Alliance Rural Fire District did not submit a preliminary request for levy allocation on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the Board did not have to provide allocations for these Districts, Doug Hashman moved to allow tax allocation to political subdivisions as provided in the previous fiscal year, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal year 2020-2021 budget hearing will be September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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

Chairman

County Clerk