



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., September 4, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on August 20, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on September 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. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve August 17, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, abstain; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve August 24, 2020 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 monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. GENERAL - Net Payroll: 127,086.62; AFLAC 1,843.77; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 555.82; Bank of the West 40,355.20; Box Butte County Treasurer 95, 616.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,924.98; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,191.19; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. ROAD – Net Payroll: 32,566.69; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 6,308.68; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,125.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 1,988.36; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,289.17; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis opened EWP (emergency watershed protection program) project bids at 9:15 a.m., as advertised. The only bid received in the County Clerk's office was from KL Wood LLC. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan left to review the bid specs following the opening of bid(s).

County Treasurer Val Bell provided a list of Distress Warrants for the Board's review. Following discussion, the Board did not want to adopt Resolution 2020-09 until County Attorney Curtiss and County Sheriff Tammy Mowry had more opportunity to review the distress warrants. Resolution 2020-09 will be an agenda item on the September 21, 2020 commissioner board agenda.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, as County Assessor Robinson presented correcting two manufactured homes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:34 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Agreement 2020-07 between Pictometry International Corp and Box Butte County, NE., seconded by Mike McGinnis. This agreement is for six years. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Prior to making a motion, the Board discussed the two companies that Chairman McGinnis had selected for review, The Baker Group Public Finance Division and D A Davidson & Co. Susan Lore moved to accept D A Davidson Co. 10-year proposal for 2,250,000 limited tax building improvement bonds, series 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, abstain; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Don Dye with MC Schaaf & Associates along with Road Superintendent Barb Keegan discussed KL Wood LLC bid with the Board. Mr. Dye requested that this be tabled in order to speak to KL Wood regarding a line in the bid. Susan Lore moved to table awarding the bid until September 21, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Keegan continued with the road and equipment report. A hearing will be set for September 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., to amend the 1-year road plan. (Resolution 2020-07). The Board is allowing Ms. Keegan to bid up to \$17,600 online for a 1985 GMC snow plow truck. The bidding is to end on September 5, 2020. Informal bids will be gathered for hauling as part of the county's truck fleet are needing repairs at this time.

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Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-10: County annual certification of program compliance form 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to sign NE board of roads classifications and standards, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session, to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan present in executive session. Ms. Keegan left executive session at 11:05 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 11:38 a.m., that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to accept and sign inventory sheets from all county offices, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Maintenance and Grounds employees Jeane Warfield and Lori White provided renovation updates and report. Ms. Warfield informed the Board that the smoke detectors will need to be updated. Doug Hashman moved to accept Jeske Lawn Sprinklers proposal in the amount of \$3,545.00 to install sprinklers behind the parking lot on 5<sup>th</sup> street, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners conducted an employee review with Lori White, followed by an employee review with Jeane Warfield. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

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Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk