



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., October 19, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on October 8, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on October 16, 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. No public comment of agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve October 5, 2020 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. NACO Director, Larry Dix had sent a voter registration to cast ballot for Box Butte County during December 2020 NACO election to Chairman McGinnis outlining election procedures for voting for NACO officers. Doug Hashman moved to nominate County Treasurer Val Bell as the county's representative to cast a ballot at the December 2020 NACO meeting, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Remaining correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. With no board meetings recently held, Susan Lore said she would like to have board appointments reviewed prior to reorganization in January 2021.

Prior to approving final dollar amount for renovation bonds with D.A. Davidson, the Board discussed the current claims from KL Wood and Triangle Electric for the sidewalk and lighting project. Susan Lore moved to pay back Inheritance Fund with the City of Alliance's share of the curb and lighting payment, seconded by Doug Hashman. Commissioners McGinnis, Lore and Hashman had viewed a section of the sidewalk that had a full length crack prior to the meeting, KL Wood will be contacted to make the replacement. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed final bond amounts, as the Board had previously approved up to 2.5 million dollars in renovation bonds with D.A. Davidson. Doug Hashman moved to enter into renovation bonding for a 10 year period at 2.5 million dollars, with construction loan payoff to fnbo no later than November 25, 2020, with remaining costs to be paid out of the county's Inheritance Fund, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis will contact D.A. Davidson representative Andy Forney for bond documents.

Carolyn Annen with Nebraska Strong Recovery Project spoke to the Board, stating they are an outreach program working with the public during the current COVID-19 pandemic in the state and that Department of Health and Human Services had awarded funding to implement crisis counseling programs.

Box Butte County Development Corporation Director Chelsie Herian and Tourism Director Amity Palmer provided updates and discussed future advertising and events that have happened and appreciated the support the County of Box Butte have provided.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided an equipment and road report. Letters have been mailed to land owners regarding the right of way closure request on Logan Rd between CR63 & CR64, this is an agenda item for the November 16, 2020 meeting. Ms. Keegan informed the board she had had a request to shut down Madison Rd for beet harvest. Ms. Keegan also informed the board she had an application from an employee in another county department. No action taken, as information only.

At 10:34 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those attending executive session were Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan. Mike McGinnis moved to close



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executive session at 10:44 a.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Commissioner Hashman informed Road Superintendent that resident Mark Vaughn had offered to haul millings to go in front of his house, and that the board has paid for rock in the past for residents that will haul the product for themselves and that this is a policy the county has been allowing.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:55 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:00 a.m., with roll call: Hashman, Lore and McGinnis present.

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Maintenance and Grounds employee Lori White provided a report on renovations that need to be completed prior to final payment to Willdan.

Lori White had concerns about her hourly pay status and working as an election board member. Election pay for county employees is treated the same as jury duty for county employees. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to deny Norm Hagler’s request to use a metal detector on courthouse lawn and to not allow for persons to use metal detectors and dig on any county owned land, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2020-18 Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, adopting the Region 23 Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims, noting that the cement needs to be replaced where the crack is, and that the KL Wood and Triangle Electric claims for the sidewalk and lights need to be paid out of Inheritance Fund in order for the City of Alliance to reimburse their share of costs, seconded by Doug Hashman. KL Wood claim (86,547.00) and Triangle Electric claim (42,306.00) will need to be coded out of Inheritance Fund instead of County Building Fund. Following the changing of codes and rebalancing of claims, roll call: Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Chairman

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