



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., November 5, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on October 22, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on November 3, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 the addition of an executive session to discuss pending litigation during Board of Equalization, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve October 19, 2020 minutes with a typo correction in paragraph three, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court monthly report, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. GENERAL Net Payroll: 135,914.71; AFLAC 2,197.23; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 593.84; Bank of the West 43,225.76; Box Butte County Treasurer 101,952.85; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.76; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,387.52; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,754.18; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. ROAD Net Payroll: 34,184.54; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 154.20; Bank of the West 6,598.19; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,784.00; Credit Management Services Inc 382.30; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,155.40; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,470.25; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Susan Lore moved to approve Senior Services Inc application for exemption Form 457, that County Treasurer Val Bel had recommended, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell provided a distress warrant name listing in amount of \$64,689.21, said list will be sent to the County Sheriff. County Treasurer Bell also informed the Board of the \$462,124.08 tax loss due to homestead exemptions.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:29 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor presented, with a mobile home correction, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 9:34 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session as part of Board of Equalization to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Board members Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis, County Assessor Robinson and County Attorney Curtiss present. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 9:52 a.m., that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:53 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson provided a zoning update, stating that several buildings had been built in the county and of a possible development. Mr. Johnson stated that the zoning board had not met as there had not been any zoning changes in the county, an organizational meeting may be called after the first of the year. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-19: For amendment and addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II intergovernmental/interlocal agreements, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Mike McGinnis moved to ratify RCI health plan change request forms from Southern Scripts, seconded by Doug Hashman. Requested plan change on one of the forms was “effective immediately remove hardstops from Variable Copay Program allowing members to fill specialty medications outside the VCP program” and on the other form “cover Lexapro (a non-preferred brand) at a \$20 generic copay to mirror what was in place with WellDyne. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. An agreement, previously approved at the September 21, 2020 board meeting, between Box Butte County and K.L. Wood & Co LLC was designed by MC Schaff & Associates, Inc for Box Butte County Emergency Watershed Protection

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Project will soon be printed. Ms. Keegan will have contractor Ken Wood sign the agreement and Chairman McGinnis will sign the agreement document when prepared. Filter bids will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 9:00 a.m., December 7, 2020, at such time bids will be opened. Also discussed was possible crack sealing, with no action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:29 a.m., to discuss personnel, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan present. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 10:54 a.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

During Maintenance and Grounds report, Chairman McGinnis said that he would have carpet samples in the next 2 weeks. No action taken.

DA Davidson Bond Documents will be added to the November 16, 2020 meeting agenda.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed school truancy and statute requirement for the County Attorney to take action. County Attorney Curtiss would like to deter absence problems, establishing a distance learning facility for zoom learning. County Attorney Curtiss asked the Board to consider using space in the basement of the Slagle Building for zoom learning. Consideration for use of the building will be an agenda item December 7, 2020, following the school board meeting to be held in the evening of November 16, 2020. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to ratify fnbo engagement financing for Box Butte General Hospital to utilize local funding, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk