



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., December 7, 2020, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger, November 25, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on December 3, 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 County Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda with Jim Gardner, CPA's presentation of the county audit moved to the December 21st meeting, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items.

Chairman McGinnis opened filter bids at 9:02 a.m. Two bids had been received in the office of the County Clerk from Koke's NAPA and O'Reilly.

Chairman McGinnis opened fuel proposals at 9:05 a.m. Two bids had been received in the office of the County Clerk from WESTCO and Panhandle Coop.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan will prepare spreadsheets on the bids and proposals for the Board's review and action during the road report.

Susan Lore moved to accept and sign November 16, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public review. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 132,069.12; AFLAC 2,242.08; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 593.84; Bank of the West 41,995.65; Box Butte County Treasurer 104,160.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 236.06; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,935.52; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,653.69; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 33,433.07; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 154.20; Bank of the West 6,212.12; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,100.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 378.37; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,112.99; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,354.94; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 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 Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkens presented, with one correction, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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County Attorney Curtiss detailed how the County’s Slagle Building could be utilized for Alliance High School virtual learning in order to resolve some of the truancy. Alliance Public School would provide tables, chairs, and fulltime para, and the County would provide electricity and the use of the restrooms. The basement of the Slagle Building is currently equipped with internet. Commissioners McGinnis and Hashman are not in favor of allowing this use of the Slagle Building. County Attorney Curtiss stated that the Board has control of the building and if the Board does not want to allow use of the building, the school will have to use another facility. No action taken.

Maintenance and Grounds employees Lori White and Jeane Warfield were present to provide maintenance updates. Discussed was the Slagle Building elevator inspection, with Commissioner Hashman stating he will call for more details regarding the inspection. No action taken.

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County Treasurer Val Bell had contacted caterers that would be willing to cater an employee appreciation dinner. With the current COVID restrictions, large gatherings are not permitted. The Board will allow for drive-through pickup meals provided by West Side Events Center for all employees to be picked up on Monday, December 21, 2020.

The County’s reorganizational meeting will be held January 7, 2021. The Board heard from County Treasurer Bell regarding county depositories and discussion on meeting dates took place. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Keegan returned to the meeting with fuel proposals. Doug Hashman moved to accept Panhandle Co-op price of \$1.765 for 30,000 gallons of off road diesel, paying in the period after delivery, seconded by Susan Lore. WESTCO had proposed \$1.855 per gallon with the same option. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to accept KOKES Auto Farm Truck, Inc \$554.20 bid for 16 filters, as the \$532.44 bid from O’Reilly Auto Parts was for 15 filters, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan continued with the road and equipment report. Commissioners Lore and McGinnis asked about completing road projects before the end of the year. Ms. Keegan needs 5 loads of rock to complete Arthur Road project #258, and is currently waiting for the delivery of a culvert to finish project #267 on CR70. Commissioner Hashman stated he would like to haul three loads of South Dakota red rock to CR63 and wanted the grass removed from the guard rails on CR70 north of Hemingford. The 1 & 6 year road plan hearing will be held on February 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2020-21: Vacation of a Part of Logan Road, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Chairman

Attest: _____
County Clerk