



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., April 19, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, April 14, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on April 16, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Steve Burke moved to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official's reports, the Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book as County Assessor presented with one mobile home correction. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to sign a claim form refunding \$258.58 to Betty Rowley for a homestead correction, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receiving Cheema Investments, LLC Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission appeal and is not in favor of a single commissioner hearing and will request a three person appeal board. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Westside Event Center owner Tori McVicker came before the Board to request the county's approval for six special designated liquor licenses for upcoming events. Steve Burke moved to approve the request and allow Chairperson Lore to sign the special designated liquor license request applications, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to reappoint Carolyn Jones as the community representative to the Board of the Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD), for a 3-year term. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and County Attorney Terry Curtiss provided updates on possible dispatch services. Commissioner Burke stated that the 911 Board will be meeting on April 28, 2021. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided an equipment and road report. Mike McGinnis moved to declare a 1993 JD 770BH motor grader and the 1980 Ford LNT 9000 as surplus equipment to be sold within the next 45 days, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 9:45 a.m., to discuss personnel, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Executive session included Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, Lore, Road Superintendent Keegan and County Attorney Curtiss. At 9:55 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.



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Having reviewed the Aging Office of Western Nebraska (AOWN) updated Articles of Incorporation, Mike McGinnis moved to accept the updated articles of incorporation and allowing the Chairperson to sign a resolution stating that Box Butte County has accepted the updated Articles of Incorporation for Aging Office of Western Nebraska if AOWN provides a resolution for signature to the County of Box Butte, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGinnis had added fiscal year 2021-2022 budget discussion to the agenda, stating that he would like to keep budgets with no more than 1.5% increase in operating line and 1.5% in salary line in all budgets. County Attorney Curtiss advised the Board that the Public Defender budget will need guidance in preparation due to the amount of court appointed attorneys at this time. No action taken.

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Mike McGinnis moved to approve monthly claims as presented, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve a conflict claim for Commissioner Steve Burke in the amount of \$61.60 for mileage, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore recessed at 10:40 a.m., allowing the Commissioners to make a quarterly visit to the county jail as required in 47-109.

At 11:07 a.m., Vice-Chairperson McGinnis resumed the meeting in the Board room with roll call: Burke, present; McGinnis, present; Lore, absent.

With all agenda items addressed, Vice Chairperson McGinnis adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Chairperson

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