



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., June 2, 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, May 19, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on May 28, 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. 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.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the title of the 1980 Ford dump truck, that had been declared surplus and will be sold by Big Iron, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve May 17, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Steve Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no correspondence, Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Rhonda Swanson, Manager of Hemingford Development Corporation Wheatridge Court and board member, Marla Wade came before the Board with questions regarding exempt status for Wheatridge Court. County Attorney Curtiss provided information regarding not for profit 501(c), informing Ms. Swanson and Ms. Wade that the organization needs to apply for not for profit status to the IRS, proving by laws and articles of incorporation. Ms. Swanson and Ms. Wade thanked the Board for the information and will contact a CPA for assistance in order to move forward to becoming exempt status. No action taken. County Assessor Robinson presented the correction book, correcting three 2019 tax year homestead exemptions. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to sign a \$332.21 claim for John Potmesil correcting real estate taxes, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor and the Board discussed using a screen to project information during protest hearings, with County Attorney Curtiss explaining the need to have hard copies of the protest form 422 and a hard copy of the property record card. No action taken. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Robinson explained to the Board the need to replace the server for the county that supports the offices of the County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Assessor. Mike McGinnis moved to replace the 8-year old server not to exceed a total cost of \$10,000, seconded by Susan Lore. Following discussion that the \$10,000 would not include the cost of installation, mileage and server, Mike McGinnis then moved to rescind his motion and Susan Lore rescinded her second. County Treasurer Val Bell contacted MIPS and was informed that the cost would not exceed \$17,500 for installation, mileage and server. Mike McGinnis then moved to allocate up to \$17,500.00 for an upgrade of the server,



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including mileage and installation from MIPS out of Lincoln, NE, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Robinson requested a new office countertop, cabinet and gate for the Assessor’s office. She also requested safety glass. Ms. Robinson was told to get estimates and bring back to the Board. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to replace the 4’ X 3’ cabinet piece at the end of the filing cabinets in the Clerk’s office, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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Chairperson Lore stated that the stairwells between the jail and courthouse must be cleared of all materials by June 9, 2021. An inspection from the State Fire Marshall informed County Sheriff Mowry that the stairwells must be free of all items being stored there. All offices are to remove any items presently stored in the stairwells.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to approve and sign monthly claims and payroll. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net payroll: 134,087.96; AFLAC 2,103.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 563.94; Bank of the West 42,771.57; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,210.00; Credit Management Services Inc 245.67; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 228.10; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,366.21; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,913.44; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD** Net payroll: 35,588.83; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 6,749.13; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services Inc 387.59; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,237.53; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,482.51; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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Chairperson

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