



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., July 7, 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, June 23, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us, July 2, 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, with the addition of the County Treasurer's semi-annual report, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve minutes, seconded by Steve Burke. Prior to vote, Mike McGinnis amended his motion, Steve Burke amended his second to reflect the approval of two sets of minutes: Book N - Page 2021-12 and Book N – Page 2021-13. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Board members reported on any recent meetings they had attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 129,473.53; Accelerated Receivables 465.49; AFLAC 2,103.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 548.06; Bank of the West 41,699.41; Box Butte County Treasurer 100,306.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services Inc 256.42; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 231.40; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,404.94; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,656.84; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 39,726.32; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 7,530.45; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 388.26; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,387.40; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,710.02; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved to approve and allow Chairperson Lore to sign the Alliance Chamber of Commerce Exemption Application Form 451 that County Assessor Robinson had approved, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. At 9:30 a.m., Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Bubba's Bar & Grill LLC owner Amy Honstein came before the Board to request a special designated license (SDL) approval for a reception to be held August 14, 2021 at 7551 Johnson Road #2, Hemingford, NE. Steve Burke moved to approve and allow for Chairperson Lore to sign the SDL application, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. With vendors recommending that bids for tractor rental for next summer be allowed at this time, the Board encouraged Road Superintendent Keegan to go out for 2022 tractor rental informal bids.



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The Board discussed the West Otoe Road project and at this time, invoices will be paid out of the County Inheritance Fund in order to track costs for repayment from the Road Fund to Inheritance Fund in the future. Ms. Keegan stated that she will bring the MC Schaff \$21,753.00 invoice to the Clerk’s office for coding prior to July claims.

Roger Dean Schledewitz has requested to vacate a part of CR 66. County Attorney Curtiss explained the process to vacate a road, that Mr. Schledewitz can ask for a hearing date and the Board can direct Road Superintendent to do a road study. Susan Lore moved to direct Road Superintendent Keegan to do a study on CR 66 from Grant Road south and 1.5 miles (to mid-part of the section line between Section 11 and 12, Township 26, Range 49), and between SE1/4 Section 2 and NE1/4 Section 11, Township 26, Range 49 ( ½ mile), seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The road study will be an agenda item for the July 19, 2021 meeting.

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Susan Lore moved to table decisions on disposal of the former transit vehicles the City of Alliance had been using until the Board has received more information for disposal from the Nebraska Department of Vehicles, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner McGinnis will contact Nebraska Department of Transportation for direction in order to dispose of the vehicles.

Building and Grounds employee Jeane Warfield had contacted several sign companies for a sign above the courthouse front doors and TRI CITY Sign Company provided a proposal in the amount of \$8,500.00. The sign will have the lettering BOX BUTTE COUNTY along with the street number 515. Ms. Warfield said the company will waive the mileage charge if the sign can be installed in September when the company will be installing another sign locally. Mike McGinnis moved to purchase the sign from TRI CITY at a cost of \$8,500.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Payment will be issued out of County Building Fund. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners asked County Clerk Messersmith to send a memo to all courthouse offices, with instructions not to open any windows in the courthouse building for two months allowing the new HVAC system to self adjust.

Added to the agenda was County Treasurer Val Bell to present the semi-annual report as required. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

County Clerk