

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., August 4, 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, July 28, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us August 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 as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Steve Burke moved to approve July 19, 2021 minutes, as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Senior Services, Inc. Application Exemption Form 457, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Jurene OB Green's Nebraska Exemption Application Form 458, seconded by Steve Burke. County Assessor Michelle Robinson recommended to allow this filing that had missed the deadline due to Mrs. Green's medical situation, as Mrs. Green had met deadlines in the past. A Physician's Certification for Late Homestead Exemption Filing Form 458L was included in Mrs. Green's request. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

William R. & Virginia L. Campbell (070053332) Property Valuation Form 422, protest number 84: Following the swearing in of Virginia Campbell, 6250 Logan Road, Alliance, NE, the Board, County Assessor Robinson and Mrs. Campbell discussed her property, with no action taken. The Board will make a decision on this property protest during Board of Equalization, August 16, 2021.

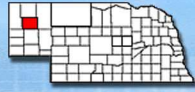
Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:42 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

West Side Event Center proprietor Tori McVicker came before the Board with a diagram outlining outside area that Ms. McVicker is proposing to add to their liquor license permit. Susan Lore moved giving the Board of Commissioners approval to Ms. McVicker for the additional outdoor space, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith will provide a letter to the Nebraska Liquor Commission, stating the Board's approval.

County Attorney Curtiss provided information and update on the (PCORI) Patient-Centered Outcome Research Fee, informing the Board that he had spoken to Auditor Jim Gardner and that the IRS form 720 had been sent to the IRS. No action taken.

Agenda item: discussing New Hire (including rehire) on page 11 of the Box Butte County Employee Handbook, was reviewed with no action taken.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Informing the Board of the need to add tanker endorsement along with the CDL license on the job description. Fencing and or security cameras at the



Hemingford Road shop will be an agenda item for the August 16, 2021 meeting. Ms. Keegan informed the board that MC Schaff could possibly be ready to ask for bids during August for the West Otoe Road project. No action taken.

Steve Burke moved to issue a check in the amount of \$21,950 payable to Bruce Furniture for carpet, sealant, and adhesive, with the cost of labor to be paid upon approval of finished installation, seconded by Susan Lore. Additional invoices from Bruce Furniture will be addressed during a future meeting. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Following the addition of the accounts payable check payable to Bruce Furniture, 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 131,804.71; AFLAC 2,062.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 41,883.81; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,128.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 258.33; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 230.72; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,322.58; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,776.62; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net payroll 36,071.40; AFLAC 268.84; American Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 6,893.07; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 540.07; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,182.16; State of NE Dept of Revenue 1,534.47. **COUNTY BUILDING:** Bruce Furniture 21,950.00, carpet. Total: 378,863.10

Mike McGinnis moved, allowing Chairman Lore to sign the engagement letter for audit services (Agreement 2021-04) with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the current Noxious Weed Superintendent contract. Commissioner McGinnis will contact local companies to discuss their ability to spray noxious weeds. No action taken.

City of Alliance no longer will be using five transit vehicles and returned ownership to the County of Box Butte. Commissioner McGinnis has been in contact with Nebraska Department of Transportation to discuss vehicle disposal. Mike McGinnis moved to dispose four vehicles, using Purple Wave auction service and allowing the Village of Hemingford to lease a vehicle, seconded by Susan Lore. Commissioner McGinnis will contact Hemingford Village Trustee John Annen to view the vehicles. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that a Budget Workshop has been advertised for 10:00 a.m., August 23, 2021, with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson. County Clerk Messersmith inform the Board the Miscellaneous Districts had met the August 1st deadline to request levy authority. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk