

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., August 16, 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, August 4, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us August 13, 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 August 4, 2021 minutes, as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to reappoint Randy Langemeier as a Box Butte General Hospital Trustee for a term of 6-years, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell discussed the ARPA fund reports and deadlines. At this time there has not been a definite guideline on allowed expenditures. Mike McGinnis moved to appoint County Treasurer Bell as the county's administrator for ARPA reporting, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Property Valuation Protest Form 422 decision for William R & Virginia L Campbell (070053332): Susan read protest into record, Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor: Land 26,882; Buildings 180,665; Total 207,547, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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

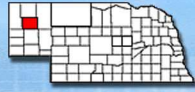
Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open the road hearing at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided proof of hearing publication, road study and report for vacating a part of County Road 66 and Hall Road. Chairperson Lore asked for any public comment, as now was the time and place for hearing. Roger Schledewitz spoke in favor of the road vacation. Don Ferguson asked for clarification, as there is not a road there now. County Attorney Curtiss explained that this will abandon the right of way. Chairperson Lore asked for other comments. With no other members of the public speaking at the hearing, Mike McGinnis moved to close the hearing at 9:47 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-09: Vacation of a Part of County Road 66 and Hall Road, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing future tractor rental and costs.

Mike McGinnis moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08: County Annual Certification of Program Compliance, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 10:07 a.m., to discuss security matters, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Those attending closed session were Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, Lore, County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan.

At 10:17 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session, that had been called for security matters, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

County Treasurer Bell provided 2019 distress warrant list of uncollectible warrants as submitted by the County Sheriff. The Board will look at striking names from the distress warrant list at the September 7, 2021 board meeting. No action taken.

County Clerk Messersmith excused herself from the meeting at 10:25 a.m., with Deputy County Clerk Gwen Taylor recording the proceedings for the remainder of the board meeting.

RCI Health Plan Representatives Brian Hillier, Samantha Stoltenberg, and Steve Jobman joined the meeting to discuss health insurance renewal numbers. Brian Hillier explained the Annual Summary Report to the board. Chairperson Lore, after some discussion, moved to accept the IOA RE Revised Renewal, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. MASA Medical Transport Solutions was discussed and Chairperson Lore requested to put that on the September 20, 2021 agenda.

Discussion of the Noxious Weed Department was added to the September 20, 2021 agenda with no action taken.

Assessor Michelle Robinson shared with the board some of her concerns with her budget because she would be unavailable for the County Budget Workshop on August 23, 2021. No action was taken.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign payroll and/or claims minus the Triangle Electric, Inc claim for \$3834.75, allowing the Board time to determine the entity responsible for payment, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk