

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., September 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, August 25, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us September 3, 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.

The Board received a telephone call at 9:07 a.m., regarding a hearing scheduled for September 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., central time. Attorney Alison Janecek representing Rosewood Estates, LLC and County Attorney Curtiss provided their statements during this show cause proceeding. Telephone call ended at 9:32 a.m. and TERC Commission will deliberate on the jurisdiction issue.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 126,552.12; AFLAC 2,062.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 40,180.55; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,128.00; Capital One Bank, N.A. 369.85; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 235.36; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 230.72; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,731.05; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,441.12; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 35,948.11; AFLAC 268.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 186.24; Bank of the West 6,794; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 712.01; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,325.70; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,257.38; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,526.31.

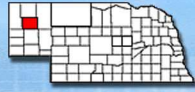
Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book, correcting two mobile homes, as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Dennis Hartley had requested homestead exemption and County Assessor Robinson had rejected the application as applicant does not meet disability requirements. Mr. Hartley was present to answer questions the Board had regarding his application request. Steve Burke moved to deny the homestead exemption application, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. At 9:44 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Susan Lore to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Following the correction for the beginning meeting time on the August 23, 2021 budget workshop meeting minutes, Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign the August 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the amended August 23, 2021 budget workshop minutes, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Val Jansante, Community Liaison for Representative Adrian Smith provided updates to the Board from Representative Smith's office. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing the water needed on roads at this time along with the amounts of remaining crushed rock available. Ms. Keegan will obtain estimates for the hail damaged roofs.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the "local public agency" LPA annual certification form, seconded by Steve Burke. This certification covers July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for Federal Funds requests. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to join National Association of Counties (NACo), with membership in the amount of \$450.00. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed with the Board his requested additional provisions to the Wilson Group proposed agreement for the 17 window replacement in the Slagle Building located at 524 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Mike McGinnis moved to allow Chairperson Lore to sign the contract with the requested performance and payment bond and the completion date added to the contract, with the window project Option A not to exceed \$49,900, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell provided the Board with a delinquent tax list, discussing the process of striking some of the parcels. The uncollected tax report and distress warrant resolution will be added to the September 20, 2021 agenda. No action taken.

County Treasurer Bell discussed with the Board the possibility of having an employee safety meeting/appreciation dinner during the month of November. Ms. Bell will report during the September 20, 2021 meeting, possible costs and location.

Susan Lore moved to enter into an agreement with Lutz & Company for ARPA Assistance, allowing County Treasurer Valery Bell to confirm the agreement on behalf of Box Butte County, seconded by Mike McGinnis. NACO board has engaged with Lutz & Company, a CPA firm to provide assistance to counties for the administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Burke allowing County Clerk/Election Commissioner Messersmith to agree and accept a statement of work implementing a WebGIS tab, allowing for payment to be made out of the ARPA funds, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. NACO and Secretary of State Election Division have stated that ARPA funds are a reported use for these redistricting expenses due to the delay of the U.S. Census population numbers being delayed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign annual inventory statements, as stated in Neb. Rev. Stat.23-347, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

The Board continued with acknowledging correspondence. Commissioner McGinnis reported on vehicles that had been damaged during the July 9, 2021 hail storm and also on the status of transit vehicles the City of Alliance no longer needed. Adding to the September 20, 2021 agenda will be transit bus decisions. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk