

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., October 18, 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, October 6, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us October 15, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., after speaking to the Alliance High School County Government Day Students. 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.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept October 6, 2021 meeting minutes 2021-25, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No elected official or office reports presented. Correspondence included the NACO voter registration for the annual December 2021 meeting to be held in Kearney on December 3, 2021. Susan Lore moved to allow Mike McGinnis as the person to cast the ballot for Box Butte County, with Steve Burke designated to cast ballot in the event that Commissioner McGinnis is unavailable, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Other correspondence included a quarterly report from Keep Alliance Beautiful.

Handbook vacation accrual addendum will be continued to the November 3, 2021 meeting agenda. No action taken.

Alliance Police Chief Lukens and Box Butte County Sheriff Mowry discussed with the Board a draft service agreement between the City and County for the purpose of the City to provide 911 communications to all of Box Butte County. County Attorney Curtiss and City Attorney Hoelsing will continue discussing training, costs, 911 equipment and other expenses related to an agreement to provide 911 communication service to all of Box Butte County. No action taken. 911 service agreement will be an agenda item for the November 3, 2021 meeting.

Sheriff Mowry informed the Board that she had contacted Jake Weber the morning of October 18, 2021 to remove his property from the county jail and that he will no longer be contracted to finish the jail plumbing construction. Sheriff Mowry stated that she has contacted contractors but at the meeting time she had not heard from those contacted.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan presented a road and equipment report.

Susan Lore moved to enter into closed session at 10:01 a.m., with County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, Lore, Road Superintendent Keegan and Jared Schleicher to discuss personnel, preventing the needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 10:30 a.m., that had been called to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Steve Burke moved to rehire road employee Jared Schleicher with more stringent attendance, seconded by Susan Lore. Mr. Schleicher will be rehired with the same fulltime classification. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Lease Agreement 2021-07 between the County of Box Butte and Village of Hemingford, for use of a transit vehicle will be added to the November 3, 2021 agenda, allowing for more review in insurance and liability. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign the Construction Contract Agreement 2021-06 with The Wilson Group, Inc., for Slagle Annex Building window replacement at a cost of \$49,840.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Susan Lore moved to table the MAXIMUS Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan, to the November 3, 2021 meeting, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss outlined the steps to be taken by County Weed Superintendent Cody Renkoski so that enforcement procedures are handled correctly when spraying noxious weeds on private property. Commissioner Burke will convey the procedure process to Mr. Renkoski. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee Lori White provided HVAC updates to the Board. Discussing leaks in the outside cooling unit, and error codes that had occurred in the units. Willdan engineers are to be onsite later during the week of October 18, 2021. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to approve Treasurer Val Bell and Assessor Michelle Robinson’s requests for ballistic resistant glass in their offices. Motion died for lack of second.

Mike McGinnis moved to provide upgrades as Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders estimated with tempered glass for the Treasurer (\$44,414.00) and Assessor (\$5,694.00 to \$7,194.00), seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, no; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Lore, McGinnis, and Burke made a quarterly jail visit (statute 47-109) at 11:18 a.m.

Vice Chairman McGinnis and Commissioner Burke returned to the commissioner board room at 11:53 a.m., following the jail visit, with Vice Chairman McGinnis adjourning at 11:53 a.m.

Attest: _____
Chairperson County Clerk