

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., November 3, 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 20, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us November 1, 2021. Vice-Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke and Mike McGinnis present. Mike McGinnis moved to excuse Chairperson Susan Lore, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-Chairman McGinnis 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 two additions added timely, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Steve Burke moved to accept October 18, 2021 meeting minutes 2021-26, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence included a resignation letter from Chairperson Susan Lore. Following advice from County Attorney Curtiss that the letter did not have a definite resignation date, Steve Burke moved to table accepting the resignation until the November 15, 2021 meeting, in order for Ms. Lore to specify an exact resignation date, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Other correspondence included a notification from the Federal Aviation Administration conducting an aeronautical study. Commissioners Burke and McGinnis then reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Box Butte County Sheriff Mowry and Alliance City Police Chief Lukens came before the Board to continue discussion for shared dispatch services. Motion by Mike McGinnis in favor of a mutual agreement so that start dates can be set in place, with the Agreement to be an agenda item on November 15, 2021, seconded by Steve Burke. Police Chief Lukens then stated that the agreement would be a City of Alliance agenda item for their November 16, 2021 meeting. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried.

Added to the agenda was Sheriff Mowry informing the Board that an employee will be taking training in Scottsbluff, NE and will need meal reimbursement. County Clerk Messersmith stated that such meals not requiring an overnight stay must be reimbursed as a fringe benefit in order to be taxed. Sheriff Mowry stated that the meals needed to be paid for immediately, and the sheriff's office will use petty cash for meals and will turn in receipts in order for petty cash to be reimbursed. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:47 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore absent. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved approving and allowing Vice-Chairman McGinnis to sign the Form 457 Application for Exemption requested by Indian Mission Church of God, as previously approved by County Treasurer Bell, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:49 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore absent. Motion carried.

In order to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless, Mike McGinnis moved to sign a proclamation for the observance to the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell provided a distress warrant list to the Board for review. No action taken. Steve Burke moved to allow for payment to Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders for the Assessor's office and Treasurer's office glass partitions to be paid out of the ARPA funds, seconded by Mike McGinnis. This expense will now



be identified as protective supplies and isolate individuals in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, instead of the need for security protection. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Added to the agenda was the Treasurer’s notification of Homestead tax loss in the about of \$482,982.78. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided an equipment report. Steve Burke moved to declare the 2003 GMC pickup surplus, seconded by Mike McGinnis. The road department will remove useable tires and equipment and dispose of the vehicle. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore absent. Motion carried

At 10:24 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel matter with Road Superintendent Keegan, County Attorney Curtiss, Board Members Burke and McGinnis present, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for a personnel matter, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. No action taken.

Handbook vacation accrual addendum, lease agreement 2021-07 between the County of Box Butte and Village of Hemingford and MAXIMUS certificate of cost allocation plan will be added to the November 15, 2021 meeting agenda. No action taken.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 123,860.49; AFLAC 2,613.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 38,733.68; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,876.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Family support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 227.42; NE Child Support Payment Center 52.62; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,803.79; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,318.89; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 29,520.13; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West; 5,829.63; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 388.59; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 2,007.63; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 1,927.93; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,263.79.

With all agenda items addressed, Vice-Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
County Clerk