

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., November 15, 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 3, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us November 12, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, 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 accept and sign November 3, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, abstain. Motion carried.

No elected official's reports were presented. Office report from Building and Grounds included an estimate from Faris Plumbing and Heating Inc for repairs to a Slagle bathroom in the amount of \$32.50. Mike McGinnis moved to authorize the repairs, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Correspondence included Susan Lore reading a letter clarifying her resignation date. Mike McGinnis moved to accept Commissioner Susan Lore's resignation upon adjournment following the January 5, 2022 board meeting, with regrets, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Bytes Managed IT President Todd Lewis and Director of Sales & Marketing Landon Clark came before the Board to inform the county of their services and offered a free assessment, with their focus being on internet security for county offices. Steve Burke moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the assessment agreement following County Attorney Curtiss' review, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Following the free assessment, Bytes Managed IT will provide a report to the Board for their consideration and review.

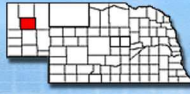
Mike McGinnis moved to move forward with a Dispatch Service Agreement 2021-08 with the City of Alliance, seconded by Steve Burke. Alliance Police Chief Lukens will present an agreement to the Alliance City Council during the November 16, 2021 City Council meeting. The County will pay the City \$5,857.97 per month for the City to provide dispatch services out of the jail budget, with a start date contingent with County Sheriff Mowry. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. representatives provided two State of Nebraska Contract Award documents, stating that Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. has been awarded state bids for Motor Grader Contract Number 15556 OC unit price 257,441.00 and Motor Grader Contract Number 15557 OC unit price 287,061.00, for period June 24, 2021 through June 23, 2022. Mike McGinnis stated that the purchase needs to be considered but that the Board will have till June 23, 2022 to decide, and delivery dates are unknown at this time. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-18 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent, seconded by Susan Lore. Payments for qualified counties will be scheduled for February 2022. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve Vacation Addition to Policy for the County Employee Handbook, seconded by Mike McGinnis. The addition page will be provided to all departments for their employees to insert in their handbooks. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Agreement 2021-07 Vehicle Lease between the County of Box Butte and Village of Hemingford, leasing a 2010 Supreme Bus, VIN: FDFE4FS4ADA49266, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Susan Lore moved to enter into the MAXIMUS Title 2 of the CFR, Part 200 Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan proposal, authorizing County Clerk Messersmith to sign the certificate, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Brett Lauder came before the Board to discuss possible appointment as Box Butte County Weed Superintendent. Mr. Lauder has a commercial spraying license, and has been in contact with Nebraska Department of Agriculture, stating that only appointed weed superintendents can attend the training required for certifications to be held in March 2022. A letter to Cody Renkoski will be an agenda item for the December 6, 2021 board meeting informing Mr. Renkoski he will not be re-appointed as Weed Superintendent. No action taken.

Warranty roof information will be sent to NIRMA for consideration prior to decisions made for hail damage repairs. No action taken.

County Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk, Attorney and Commissioners began the salary discussion as Nebraska Statute 23-1114 states that the Board shall fix elected official salaries prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for respective offices. Salary discussion will continue to be an agenda item until salary resolution is set. No action taken.

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

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk