

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., December 6, 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, November 24, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us December 3, 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. Steve Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign November 15, 2021 minutes and November 29, 2021 special minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, abstain. Motion carried.

At 9:02 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel with Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, Lore, County Attorney Terry Curtiss and Enet Somers-Dehaney, via telephone, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith entered executive session at 9:25 a.m., exiting executive session at 9:27 a.m. County Attorney Curtiss exited executive session at 9:28 a.m., reentering executive session at 9:36 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 9:41 a.m., that had been called for negotiations and personnel, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken. Discussing the Public Defender position will be an agenda item for the December 20, 2021 board meeting.

Sandi Morava provided the Nebraska Crime Commission FY2023 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Application and discussed the program and budget with the Board. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the grant application certification. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Sheriff discussed the need for replacing the current intercom system. A new system will include vandal resistant audio door stations and allow for distancing. Steve Burke moved to approve the system at a cost of \$46,893.00 out of the jail budget, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, no; McGinnis, no; Lore, no. Motion failed.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the proposal from Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment in the amount of \$46,893.00 for the intercom system, allowing the Chairperson to sign acceptance certificate, seconded by Susan Lore. Payment will be billed as work progresses. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Sheriff Mowry was also asked to get an estimate for door replacement costs into the jail cells.

Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen came before the board explaining that it is just a matter of time before all law enforcement agencies would need to have body cams and he would like to pursue grants for the \$26,765.00 cost of bodycams. Deputy Sutphen discussed in board computers for vehicles, with cost of \$37,694.00 to be a possible State of Nebraska Covid ARPA expense and that the county would need to provide monthly service fees. Susan Lore moved giving Deputy Sutphen permission to apply for grants, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing with the Board the possibility of potential rock pits within the county.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed the National Opioid Litigation Settlement options with the Board. Susan Lore moved to elect the county's direct share of the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund to Region I Behavior Health Authority, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to send termination of contract letter to Cody Renkoski, with a termination date of January 1, 2022, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Prior to payroll and claims being approved, the Board and County Attorney discussed FMLA and that employees do not receive paid holidays when an employee is not working and is on FMLA.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended, and correspondence was acknowledged.

Chairperson Lore signed the KONE CARE elevator repair agreement that had been voted on and approved during the November 29, 2021 special meeting. Once signed the agreement will be emailed in order for parts to be ordered.

No action taken on agenda item, Family Heritage Insurance, as no representative was present or had called.

Following paid holiday corrections, Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL FUND:** Net payroll 127,799.12; AFLAC 2,613.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 40,148.96; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,876.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 227.42; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,495.02; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,594.43; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD FUND:** Net payroll 31,610.73; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 6,244.50; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 25.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,017.27; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,387.03. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** KONE Inc 159,144.50 elevator repair.

Continuing with elected salary resolution discussion, Deputy Sheriff Ryan Dannar, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and County Treasurer Val Bell recommended salary increases for base salaries and county attorney salary. Salary resolution will be discussed again during the December 20, 2021 board meeting as the salaries shall be fixed prior to January 15th (23-114). No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk