



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., January 6, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on December 25, 2019, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website January 3, 2020. Chairman Hashman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore and Doug Hashman present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Hashman acknowledged 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 Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items.

Susan Lore moved to nominate Mike McGinnis as Board Chairman, seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to nominate Susan Lore as Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to assign the Commissioners to the committees and/or boards that they are currently serving on, seconded by Susan Lore. Commissioner Hashman questioned if the Chairman is required to be the 911 Advisory Board member, and will research this before any adjustment is made to the 911 Advisory Board. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore: WELFARE BOARD CHAIRMAN
REGION 1 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD – ALTERNATE
REGION 1 OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT -ALTERNATE
AGENCY OF AGING – ALTERNATE
PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD/PANHANDLE PARTNERSHIP
FAMILY FOCUS COMMITTEE
SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Mike McGinnis: EXTENSION BOARD
BOX BUTTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
WELFARE BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN
BOX BUTTE GENERAL HOSPITAL
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION
REGION 23 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Doug Hashman: REGION 1 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
REGION 1 OFFICE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
AREA AGENCY OF AGING
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION – ALTERNATE
E911 ADVISORY BOARD

Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore, Doug Hashman: BUILDING & GROUNDS DIRECTORS

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Susan Lore to appoint Barbara Keegan as County Road Superintendent. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to appoint Cody Renkoski as Weed Superintendent. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Mike Johnson as Zoning Administrator, seconded by Susan Lore. Commissioner Lore stated that the Commissioners need quarterly reports and the need for zoning board meetings. Chairman McGinnis will contact Mr. Johnson to discuss reports and the status of zoning board member's terms. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Scott Bosse' as County Surveyor, as needed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Surveyor position was discussed with the need for the public to vote for or against placing County Surveyor on future ballots.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Dennis Laughlin as Veteran's Service Officer, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Susan Lore stated that she would like to have current reporting from the Veteran's Office. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Doug Hashman moved to name the following as county bank depositories, seconded by Susan Lore, tabling Western Heritage Federal Credit Union, until County Attorney Curtiss determines if the County of Box Butte can use a credit union as a county depository. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. BANK OF THE WEST (Alliance & Hemingford Branches)

WELLS FARGO BANK
NPAIT
GREAT WESTERN BANK
fnbo
FARMERS STATE BANK
SANDHILLS STATE BANK

Mike McGinnis moved naming The Ledger as the only official county newspaper for 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. County Attorney informed the Board of the need and requirements to name an official newspaper. Hashman, no; Lore, no; McGinnis; yes. Motion did not pass.

Doug Hashman moved to name the Alliance Times Herald and The Ledger as official county newspapers, with the Ledger to publish board notices and minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to name KCOW/AM and KAAQ/FM as official county radio stations. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to name www.boxbuttecounty.us as official county website. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to hold regular monthly meetings on the 1ST Monday and 3rd Monday of each month, with the exception of setting FEBRUARY 5, MARCH 4, JUNE 3, AUGUST 5, NOVEMBER 4, 2020, as the meeting date allowing time for payroll to be processed, and JUNE 22, allowing for final fiscal year-end claims to be presented, or the day after, in case of a holiday, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Susan Lore moved to set the 2020 holidays, seconded by Doug Hashman as follows: Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

HOLIDAYS IN 2020

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| 1. New Years Day | January 1, 2020 |
| 2. Martin Luther King | January 20, 2020 |



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3. President's Day	February 17, 2020
4. Arbor Day	April 24, 2020
5. Memorial Day	May 25, 2020
6. Independence Day	July 3, 2020
7. Labor Day	September 7, 2020
8. Columbus Day	October 12, 2020
9. Veteran's Day	November 11, 2020
10. Thanksgiving	November 26, 2020
11. Day after Thanksgiving	November 27, 2020
12. Christmas Eve	December 24, 2020
13. Christmas Day	December 25, 2020

Susan Lore moved to approve December 16, 2019 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign monthly Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve Human Services, Inc. application for exemption form 457, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor Robinson presented, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. The Board and County Attorney discussed with County Assessor the letter her office had recently sent out to rural property owners. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 10:16 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Commissioners reported on any committee meetings they had recently attended. County Treasurer Bell and County Attorney Curtiss provided an update to the safety meeting/employee appreciation dinner to be held February 4, 2020 at the Eagles Club with invitations to be attached to employee paystubs.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign payroll claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 132,591.23; AFLAC 1,977.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 570.12; Bank of the West 43,573.60; Box Butte County Treasurer 94,940.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 239.03; NE Child Support Payment Center 917.94; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,478.00; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,661.18; US Department of Education 422.99; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 38,777.87; AFLAC 222.30; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 178.22; Bank of the West 8,084.32; Box Butte County Treasurer 966.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,410.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,416.32; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,786.14; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Val Jansante, a member of Nebraska's 3rd District Congressman Adrian Smith's office met with the Board to provide legislative updates and then hosted a mobile office in the courthouse building. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to approve an employee confirmation of benefit balance sheet to reconcile employee sick leave, vacation, gap or comp time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. A memo from the County Attorney and balance sheet will be provided to all offices for their employees to sign and return to the County Clerk Office no later than January 17, 2020. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to reappoint Shane Dye to the Box Butte County Extension Board, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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County Attorney Curtiss stated that he had contacted the former health plan broker of the change in brokerage services. No action taken.

Box Butte County Sheriff Administrative Deputy Patty Kulas, came before the Board to explain the need to have a larger amount of cash in their cash drawer. Ms. Kulas stated that they have a current allowed amount of \$1,000.00 in petty cash, and are requesting to keep \$300.00 cash in their drawer with the remainder \$700.00 in a checking account that is reimbursed monthly following approval of claims. Ms. Kulas stated that the auditors had requested the Board make this approval. Doug Hashman moved to allow the Sheriff's office to keep \$300.00 cash instead of the current \$100.00 cash in the drawer, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Board members discussed the need to finish projects that had been on the 2019 1 & 6 year road plan. Requests for proposal will be sent for a tractor lease. The purchase of a tractor rock shield was also discussed. Requests for proposal for diesel fuel will need to be received in the office of the County Clerk by 8:30 a.m., February 5, 2020. Commissioner Hashman provided information on surplus dump truck and wood posts. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 11:30 a.m., to discuss a personnel matter, preventing needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those included in executive session were County Attorney Curtiss, County Clerk Messersmith, Commissioners Lore, McGinnis, Hashman and Road Superintendent Keegan. Doug Hashman moved to close executive session at 11:59 a.m., that had been called for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

A meeting with WILLDAN representatives will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., to provide an update and progress report to courthouse employees. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman

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Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:13 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Val Bell presented Sisters of St. Francis and Calvary Assembly of God Church exemption forms 457 that she had approved. Doug Hashman moved to sign the exemption forms, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Mike McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor Robinson presented, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve claim for refund of taxes for DK Buskirk & Sons, provided by County Assessor Robinson, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to accept O'Keefe Elevator annual inspection, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte General Hospital representatives Lori Mazanec, CEO; Tom Cummings, Board Trustee; and Andy Forney with DA Davidson & Company were present for bond refinancing. Andy Forney presented Resolution 2020-01, refunding bonds for the purpose of interest cost savings due to low interest rates. Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-01, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 9:50 a.m., to discuss a personnel matter, preventing needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those included in executive session were County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, and Attorney Maren Chaloupka. Doug Hashman moved to close executive session at 10:47 a.m., that had been called for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken but informally tabled.

Alliance Housing Authority Executive Director Patricia Klemke requested waiving pilot payment fees in the amount of \$1,586.57. Susan Lore moved to accept waiving the pilot fees on a year-to-year basis, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell presented the semi-annual report and inquired about the crime commission grant status. Susan Lore stated she would be attending a meeting with the crime commission and will have an update at the next board meeting, and will keep County Treasurer Bell informed. No action taken.



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Wellness coordinator Michelle Robinson, submitted her resignation as wellness coordinator effective immediately. Susan Lore moved to accept her resignation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis thanked her for her work and stated anyone interested in filling that position should contact the commissioners.

Weed Superintendent Cody Renkoski provided weed report for 2019 year and annual reports. He stated there was more time spent in the county this past year than in 2018. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Noxious Weed Control Plan, Activity Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Budget Report, and Noxious Weed Infestation Report, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis requested Mr. Renkoski submit quarterly reports in the future.

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After the informally tabled executive session, County Attorney Curtiss read into record Resolution 2020-02. Susan Lore moved, allowing signing of the resolution, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to table agenda item DHHS space rental contract request until the February 5, 2020 board meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Commissioner Hashman attended the most recent construction meeting and reported everything is going as planned. Hashman stated he will ask for estimates on extra outlets for county offices and will discuss at a later date. No action taken.

Susan Lore left board meeting at 11:25 a.m. to attend another meeting. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, including an inheritance claim payable to Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$3,816.82 to be repaid from the road and bridge fund. Hashman, yes; Lore, absent; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Employee confirmation of benefit balance sheets to be discussed at the February 5, 2020 meeting. No action taken.

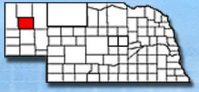
Chairman McGinnis recessed at 11:52 a.m. for (47-109) quarterly jail visit and to tour the renovation progress on the third floor. Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 12:50 p.m. with roll call: Hashman and McGinnis present, Lore, absent.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:51 p.m., January 21, 2020.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., February 5, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on January 23, 2020, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website February 3, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore made a motion to approve January 21, 2020, minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly report and the Clerk of District Court monthly report, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on any committee meetings they had recently attended. Commissioner Hashman reported on the recent 911 Board meeting and stated that the 911 Board will request for proposals to install new 911 signs. Commissioner Lore provided an update on the State Crime Commission Grant status. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public viewing.

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Susan Lore to approve and sign monthly payroll claims. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 133,767.37; AFLAC 1,977.54; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 533.98; Bank of the West 43,401.60; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,664.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.08; NE Child Support Payment Center 923.24; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,918.99; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,701.68; US Department of Education 438.06; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 35,863.15; AFLAC 222.30; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 206.24; Bank of the West 7,326.73; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,410.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,264.41; ST of NE Dept of Revenue 1,573.41; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis provided an explanation of a claim from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Nebraska Extension in the amount of \$12,786.73 for Ashley Fenning's 4th quarter salary, taxes and insurance. This claim had not been submitted prior to the end of the fiscal year and the 2019-2020 budget does not include this payment amount. Susan Lore moved to table this claim in order to further study the impact on the current budget, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-03: authorizing issuance of general obligation refunding bonds, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to table a request and suggestion for an additional handrail for the cement steps located between the jail and county courthouse building, in order to obtain costs, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

An email will be sent to Mike Stodden, owner of Alliance Physical Therapy, requesting that he submit a lease agreement for consideration of space located at 411 Black Hills Avenue, Alliance, NE. Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) currently is using the space and Mr. Stodden has requested an increase to be considered for fiscal year 2020-2021. No action taken.

Willdan representatives provided an update on courthouse renovations with the Board and office staff providing progress and timelines. Costs for change orders are being gathered to demolish a wall between the district court jury room and law library, costs for protective fencing to surround the new air cooler, and additional electrical outlets in all office spaces.



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All county office staff stated the need for window shades to prevent the glare on computers and the county court requested shades for privacy. Window shades and blind costs will be brought back to a future meeting. No action taken.

Following review of confirmation of benefit balance sheets, Mike McGinnis moved to make the following corrections to employees: added 1.5 hours vacation to Dave Stone; removing 10.08 hours of vacation and adding 10 hours of sick leave to Marc Vandelson, correcting the 6.75 hours of comp time that had been previously requested to 6.75 hours of gap time for Karna Hansen, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Sheriff Mowry stated no change needed to be made to Shane Teichmeier's benefits following her review. Mike McGinnis moved 21 hours of sick leave to 21 hours of

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vacation for Kami Wills, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Corrections will be made prior to February 29, 2020 end of payroll date.

Road Employee Karna Hansen provided a road and equipment report.

Chairman McGinnis opened two fuel proposals that had been timely received in the office of the County Clerk. WESTCO had submitted an option A bid for 30,000 gallons of #2 dyed in the amount of \$1.995 gallon and an option B bid in the amount of \$2.045 gallon. Panhandle Cooperative Association bid \$1.975 gallon for the 30,000 gallons of dyed fuel. Mike McGinnis moved to award Panhandle Cooperative Association the fuel bid for 30,000 gallons of dyed fuel for \$1.975 gallon, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

No tractor lease proposals had been received in the office of the County Clerk. No action taken.

County Treasurer Val Bell had requested safety glass for her office. Sheriff Mowry, Chief Deputy JD Sutphen provided opinions of courthouse safety, with discussion including metal detectors at the courthouse doors. Additional safety concerns were also mentioned for all county offices not housed in the county courthouse building. NIRMA will be contacted for opinion and security suggestion. Safety and security will be added to the March 16, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis, moved to enter into executive session at 11:45 a.m., to discuss a personnel matter preventing needless injury to an individual, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Lore, Hashman, and McGinnis, along with County Attorney Curtiss and road employee Karna Hansen were in executive session. Ms. Hansen left executive session at 11:53 a.m. At 12:15 p.m., Doug Hashman moved to close executive session that had been called for a personnel matter, preventing needless injury to an individual, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to authorize the interviewing for a possible rehire of a former road employee, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Employee handbook states that "former employees of Box Butte County are not eligible for re-hire without prior approval by the County Board".

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:19 p.m.,

Chairman

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County Clerk



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The Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open public hearing at 2:00 p.m., February 10, 2020, in the Commission Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published January 22, 2020, in The Ledger. Road Superintendent Keegan had published notice of hearing in The Ledger and Alliance Times Herald. Agenda information had been emailed to Board members and posted on the county website February 5, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded the proceedings. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Hashman acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the board room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed and open the hearing, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney present at 2:07 p.m.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided information on 12 proposed projects, including total cost, miles covered, possibly reimbursed amounts, and other estimated costs for rock crushing. Ms. Keegan provided a map slide presentation to show 1 year and 6 year projects.

James Jelinek, 6490 Madison Road, Alliance, NE, requested to have Madison Road from CR78 to the highway rebuilt. Jelinek stated that a large amount of truck hauling traffic uses Madison Road.

Carl West, 6800 Logan Road, Alliance, NE, requested that the mail route from CR68 and Logan be built up to Madison Road and that CR69 Madison Road to Logan Road also needs to be rebuilt.

Gayle Dietrich, 506 31st Terrace, Alliance, NE, requested culverts on CR59 and CR60 Brown Road. Road Superintendent Keegan informed Ms. Dietrich that she has requested a locator for Tuesday, February 11, 2020, to locate any buried culverts on Brown Road near those locations.

Commissioners discussed roads that need maintenance, finishing current projects rather than adding new projects, costs vs. budget.

Mike McGinnis moved to close the hearing at 3:15 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

No action taken on the 1 & 6 year road plan, with Resolution 2020-04 to be an agenda item for the February 18, 2020 board meeting.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

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Board Chairman

County Clerk



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Box Butte Public Employees Federal Credit Union Manager Stevie Buskirk provided an update on the Box Butte Public Employees Federal Credit Union's 80th year anniversary, stating that this is a closed federal membership and requested to speak to county employees and provide membership information to employees in their next direct deposit vouchers. Doug Hashman moved allowing Ms. Buskirk the opportunity to speak to employees, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., for permissive exemption hearing, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and allow Chairman McGinnis to sign Form 451 Exemption Applications that County Assessor Robinson had recommended for approval, seconded by Doug Hashman: American Legion James Barry Post #9 (070108919); Alliance Area YMCA (070031916); Alliance Christian Church (070036098); Alliance Congregations of Jehovah's Witness (070205310); The Anchor (070003726); Apostolics of Alliance (070177147); Berean Fundamental Church (070020817); Alliance Berean Fundamental Church (070030340); Berean Fundamental Church (070013314); Board of Managers of Berea Community Federated Church (070083576); Box Butte Co 4-H Council Inc (070011931); The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (070037280); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070074690); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070109427); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021201); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021112); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021813); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021023); Calvary Assembly of God Church (070044716); CAPstone Child Advocacy Center (070241163); Carnegie Arts Center Inc (070000832); Church of Christ (070010242); Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (070025606); Congregational Church (070018634); Dobby's Frontier Towners Inc (070080666); Dobby's Frontier Towners Inc (070080577); Evangelical Free Church of Alliance (070079668); First Baptist Church of Alliance (070036624); First Baptist Church of Alliance (070005532); First Christian Church (070105405); First Christian Church (070015031); First Presbyterian Church (070042861); First United Methodist Church (070013624); First United Methodist Church (070004811); Holy Rosary Church (070045569); Church of the Holy Rosary (070041458); Church of the Holy Rosary (070013632); Holy Rosary Church (070008345); Holy Rosary Church (070014744); Church of the Holy Rosary (070014736); Human Services Inc (070039321); Iglesia Bethel De Las Asambleas De Dios (070010382); Templo Bethel Asamblea De Dios (070011664); Immanuel Lutheran Church of Alliance (070013683); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070041415); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070105421); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070031983); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070031975); Indian Mission Church of God Inc (070044384); Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (070011486); Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (070108803); LODO Community Center LLC (070018189); Mission Store Inc/The (070002428); Mission Store Inc/The (070002436); Mission Store Inc/The (070002444); Northwest Community Action Partnership (070024413); Northwest Community Action Partnership



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(070010056); Region One Office of Human Development (070011281); Region One Office of Human Development (070035555); Scottish Rite Association of Alliance (070002274); Sisters of St. Francis (070042101); Sisters of St. Francis (070008337); St. Bridgets Church (070017980); St. Johns United Lutheran Church (070012903); St. John's United Evangelical Lutheran Church (070080119); St. Johns United Evangelical Lutheran Church (070214352); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070016445); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070008051); St. Matthews Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070009988); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070001324); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070041334); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070041342); United Methodist Church (070016674);

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VSL Alliance, LLC (070142440,070080313); VSL Alliance Assisted Living, LLC (070039364). Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved approving a portion to Exemption Application Forms 451: Alliance Aerie 136 (070115788); American Legion Post No. 9 (070018359); Alliance Post No. 1517 VFW (070034923), as recommended by County Assessor Robinson, and allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the applications, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to deny the Box Butte Co Agricultural Society's Exemption Application Form 451, as recommended by County Assessor Robinson, allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the denied application, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Ms. Robinson stated that this parcel of land is being farmed and is not being used for exempt purposes. Hashman, no; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as presented by Assessor Robinson, adding real estate to tax rolls, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Application for Exemption Form 457 for Church of Holy Rosary-St. Agnes Academy and Senior Services Inc., as approved by County Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:55 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Budget Consultant Caleb W. Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC, President, came before the Board to offer budget preparation services for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Mr. Johnson discussed with the Board sending out preliminary budget requests prior to the end of the current fiscal year, with the Board allowing 1.5% salary increase for employees. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation (Agreement 2020-01) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis provided a copy of the "Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance." County residents Sheila Walker and Guy Hielscher urged the Board to consider adoption, stating that other Panhandle Counties have adopted the "Red Flag Law" and also discussed LB58. Allowing for County Attorney Curtiss and Commissioners time to read LB58 and the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance, Chairman McGinnis added the ordinance to the March 4, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session to protect the reputation to an individual with Darin Knepper and Commissioners Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Knepper left executive session at 10:40 a.m., and County Attorney Curtiss entered executive session at 10:40 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 10:47 a.m., that had been called for the



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protection to the reputation to an individual, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to appoint Darin Knepper as Interim Public Defender until July 31, 2020, with compensation equal to \$50,818 yearly salary with full time employee benefits, beginning March 2, 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. Following discussion, Doug Hashman withdrew his motion, followed by Susan Lore withdrawing her second.

Doug Hashman moved to appoint Darin Knepper as Interim Public Defender until July 31, 2020, with beginning date of employment to be February 29, 2020 and salary equal to current salary resolution for elected county officials and all county benefits for full time employees, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will prepare an agreement for public defender services.

Chairman McGinnis, called recess at 11:05 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:08 a.m., with roll call: Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, present.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Proposals for a tractor lease will be an agenda item for the March 4, 2020 meeting.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-04, adopting the 1 & 6 year road improvement program, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Susan Lore, based on an engineering study from M.C. Schaff & Associates, moved to not place a regulatory stop sign at the intersection of CR68 and Perkins Road, seconded by Doug Hashman. The Board discussed with county resident Amanda Cotton the findings of the engineering study. Ms. Cotton requested that the Board travel the road for consideration and to review the intersection, and several families with children travel through that intersection. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda item for 911 sign installation proposals, clarified that such proposals must be received in the office of the County Clerk by 3:30 p.m., February 28, 2020. Proposals will be on the March 12, 2020, 911 Board agenda.

Courthouse renovation updates and progress reports were heard. Doug Hashman moved allowing for the wall to be removed between the District Court jury room and law library, seconded by Susan Lore. This will allow more security for jurors to move between the court room and jury room. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to approve and sign monthly payroll claims. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:55 p.m.,

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., March 4, 2020, in the District Court Room located on the third floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on February 20, 2020. Agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website March 2, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present. Mike McGinnis moved to excuse Susan Lore, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the Court Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda with an addition, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Doug Hashman made a motion to approve February 18, 2020 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners McGinnis and Hashman reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll claims as presented, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 127,226.57; AFLAC 1,915.92; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 495.96; Bank of the West 40,392.36; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,664.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.08; NE Child Support Payment Center 672.95; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,319.24; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,279.93; US Department of Education 395.53; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net payroll 32,775.83; AFLAC 222.30; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 206.24; Bank of the West 6,420.38; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,410.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,062.65; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,285.79; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, correcting one personal property and one real estate property, as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Terry Curtiss spoke to the public regarding the “Red Flag Law” Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance, suggesting that the best result could come from lobbying the legislature. Explaining that if the legislature does pass a bill, the public can petition in order to have a vote of the people. County residents speaking in favor of the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance included Guy Hielscher, Sheila Walker, Dan Anderson, James Bourne, Mara Anderson, Wes Whitwer, Val Bell, Jerry Leistritz, Dennis Clark, Larry Bolinger, Doug Edwards, Jeff Young, Douglas Christen, Steve Benzel, and Kathy Thomsen. Many of those speaking wanted protection of their rights under the constitution, asking the Commissioners for support. County Attorney Curtiss recommended a resolution to oppose LB 58. A resolution, supporting residents in opposition of LB 58 will be added to the March 16, 2020 agenda.

County Surveyor Scott Bosse’ came before the Board to discuss the need to reestablish monument corners between Sioux County and Box Butte County. Mr. Bosse’ and Sioux County Surveyor Don Brush would work together on this project. Sioux County has budgeted \$5,000.00 for this project and asks Box Butte County for matching funds. County Attorney Curtiss stated that the County does have some obligation for boundaries and that money would be well spent for survey monuments. Chairman McGinnis stated that the \$5,000.00 request would be “ear-tagged” for the 2020-2021 budget when budget preparation begins.



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Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan asked the Board if she could go out for request for proposals (RFP) for repairs to a portion on Jefferson Road and repairs to a portion on Logan Road. Doug Hashman moved allowing Road Superintendent to advertise for request for proposals, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Requests for proposals will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., April 3, 2020, and will be an agenda item for the April 6, 2020 meeting.

Doug Hashman moved to accept the only proposal submitted for a tractor lease from Alliance Tractor & Implement Co., to lease a new New Holland at \$12.75 per engine hour, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Willdan Construction manager Chris Barton, provided courthouse renovation updates and time lines, stating that the new electrical transformer is to be on location soon. Willdan has contacted Black Hills Energy and have been told that the tentative date to bore the gas line is March 16, 2020. Doug Hashman moved to approve change orders including demolishing the wall on third floor between the district court jury room and law library, changing several light switches to a single switch and adding the gas line, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Extra outlet requests will be considered once cost estimates have been provided.

Two outside handrail estimates had been received for step handrail between the back of the courthouse building and the steps to the law enforcement driveway. Doug Hashman moved to accept Panhandle Fab Inc. proposal in the amount of \$165.00, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the Protex Central, Inc., fire alarm inspection quote, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Protex Central, Inc. will submit an invoice in the amount of \$750.00 for approval during the claims process.

County Treasurer Valery Bell had added to the agenda, the tax sale report, stating that 159 properties were sold during the March 2, 2020 tax sale.

Darin Knepper informed the Board that he had accepted another position and will not be signing the Public Defender Agreement that was an agenda item. Mr. Knepper will receive appointed council fees of \$100.00 per hour for the 16 hours of service he provided. Mike McGinnis moved to release Darin Knepper from Public Defender Agreement and pay Mr. Knepper court appointed fees, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Claim for the \$1600.00 will be presented during the March 16, 2020 meeting for approval. Mr. Knepper will be required to complete a W-9 form.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., March 16, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on March 5, 2020. Agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website March 16, 2020. Vice Chairperson Susan Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, and Susan Lore present. Susan Lore moved to excuse Mike McGinnis, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice Chairperson Lore acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda, as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items, with Vice Chairperson Lore stating that comments on Resolution 2020-06 will be heard when that agenda item is addressed. With the absence of Commissioner McGinnis and the absence of Commissioner Lore at the March 4, 2020 meeting, approving the March 4, 2020 minutes will be included during the April 6, 2020 board meeting. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners Hashman and Lore reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Alliance residents Guy Hielscher and Sheila Walker spoke in favor of Resolution 2020-06, supporting second amendment rights. Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-06, seconded by Susan Lore. Mr. Hielscher and Ms. Walker stated they appreciated the Board's support. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve Holy Rosary Community application for exemption form 457, as County Treasurer Bell recommended, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Hemingford, NE residents, Jeff and Jennifer Chancellor spoke to the Board, asking for assistance in resolving back taxes on a mobile home sitting in a trailer park in Hemingford, NE. Mr. Chancellor would like to obtain a MFGD title on the previously condemned mobile home, as they have made improvements on the mobile home and would like to continue to make improvements and pay taxes if they can obtain a title in their name. County Attorney Curtiss, County Assessor Robinson, County Treasurer Bell explained distress warrants, sheriff's sales, option to pay previous back taxes, and process in order to obtain a title in their name. County Treasurer Bell will discuss this matter with the State Auditor. This agenda item will be added to Board of Equalization during the April 20, 2020, board meeting, allowing time for statutes to be studied. No action taken. At 9:50 a.m., Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Insurance Plan Administrator Samantha Stoltenberg and Benefit Health Advisor Brian Hillier provided information that could reduce costs for the county's self-funding health plan. Commissioner Lore is in favor of suggestions that would save the county money, without making any changes to the county's current health plan. This will be added to the April 6, 2020, agenda allowing for Chairman McGinnis to review the information provided. No action taken.

Vice Chairperson Lore called recess at 10:50 a.m.

Vice Chairperson Lore resumed the meeting at 10:58 a.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman and Susan Lore present.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan and the Board discussed road repair projects and Road Superintendent Keegan will advertise for sealed bids for Jefferson Road project. Bids will be received in the office of the Box Butte County Clerk until 9:00 a.m., April 20, 2020. Bids will be awarded or rejected April 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.



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Progress and courthouse renovation updates were heard, with the need for additional courthouse security to be included in future renovation agendas. The electrical switchover is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2020 and Saturday, April 4, 2020. The entire courthouse building will not have any power during the switchover. Susan Lore moved to allow courthouse employees to be paid for not working on April 3, 2020, or if there is a change in date, allowing employees to be paid for not working on whichever date the switchover occurs, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to advertise for the position of interim Public Defender, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 11:55 a.m., to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Executive session included Commissioners Hashman and Lore and County Attorney Curtiss. At 12:20 p.m., Susan Lore moved to close executive session that had been called for possible litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Vice-Chairperson Lore adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Attest: _____

Board Chairman

County Clerk



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BOX BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Box Butte County Commissioners will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 26, 2020, in the board meeting room located on the second floor of the County Courthouse 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Said meeting will be open to the public. The only agenda item for such meeting will be to discuss COVID-19 impact within Box Butte County government.

Judy Messersmith

Box Butte County Clerk

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., April 6, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on March 26, 2020. Agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website April 2, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the Court Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Mike McGinnis moved to approve March 4, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, abstain; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve March 16, 2020 minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, abstain. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approved March 26, 2020 special meeting minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had attended, and Commissioner Hashman reported that he had authorized a road soil sample recently. The Board will look into conducting future meetings via Zoom, during the COVID -19 pandemic with County Treasurer Val Bell offering to assist.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 122,103.21; AFLAC 1,915.92; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 505.96; Bank of the West 39,517.58; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,486.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 228.78; NE Child Support Payment Center 751.53; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,014.53; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,016.00; US Department of Education 368.13; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net payroll 37,963.40; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 196.24; Bank of the West 7,554.23; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.80; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,410.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,323.70; St of NE Dept Revenue 1,586.93; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80. **COUNTY BUILDING FUND:** fnbo interest 2,742.32.

Health Plan Broker Samantha Stoltenberg spoke to the Board via telephone conference. Ms. Stoltenberg along with her team members outlined self-funded prescription and pharmacy services and potential savings to the County. Commissioners McGinnis and Lore requested that local pharmacies be contacted to make sure that prescriptions can be honored as they currently are. Health plan proposal will be added to the April 20, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

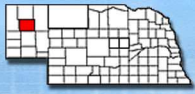
County Clerk Judy Messersmith left the meeting at 9:55 a.m., with Deputy County Clerk Gwen Taylor recording the meeting.

Barbara Keegan, Road Superintendent, provided a road and equipment report via telephone. No action taken.

JD Sutphen was awarded the 911 sign installation, upon 911 Board's recommendation. Mr. Sutphen's proposal was for \$5,600.00. No action taken.

The 10:00 a.m. agenda item for awarding Jefferson Road and Logan Road repairs will be an agenda item on the April 20, 2020 meeting. No action taken.

At 10:15 a.m., proposals from R&J Industries and KL Wood & Co., LLC for sidewalk replacement were opened. Susan Lore moved to reject all proposals, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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County Clerk Messersmith resumed recording meeting minutes at 10:35 a.m.

Sealed bids for courthouse sidewalk replacement will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 8:30 a.m., May 4, 2020. Sealed bids will be opened, awarded or rejected at 10:00 a.m., May 4, 2020.

At 10:37 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

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Susan Lore moved to go into executive session at 10:37 a.m., to discuss TERC litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis. At 11:02 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss TERC litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to confess judgment on Michael J. Dafney TERC appeals: 19C0025; 19C0026; 19C0027; 19C0028, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 11:05 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

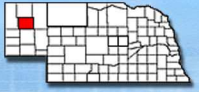
Susan Lore moved to accept Anita Allen/Prairie Creations quote for courthouse window blinds. Included in the quote is the second-floor split window continuous loop shade in the amount of \$310.00 and blinds in golden oak for sixty-nine windows at a quoted price of \$17,973.00. Additional blinds will be measured for the window in the Treasurer office vault housing the county's computer network and the windows in the Register of Deeds vault windows. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Willdan Project Manager Chris Barton provided an estimated cost of \$744.00 for an additional single outlet. Susan Lore moved to approve all additional outlet requests, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis will contact a potential candidate for the Public Defender position. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met via Zoom, at 9:00 a.m., April 20, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on April 9, 2020. Notice of Zoom meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald April 15, 2020 and the Ledger April 16, 2020. Agenda and zoom information emailed to board members and posted on the county website April 2, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present via zoom. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Doug Hashman moved to approve April 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official reports, Board members reported on any meetings they had attended and correspondence. Chairman McGinnis reported that he had received correspondence from NACO regarding County Funding COVID 19 Relief Proposals and that he would keep up on that.

Chairman McGinnis stated that he had been in contact with Attorney Joel Burke from Imperial, NE in regard to the Interim Public Defender position. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Susan Lore to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:10 a.m. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve two corrections as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, correcting personal property, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis will go to the courthouse later today (April 20, 2020) to sign the correction book. Jeff Chancellor's MFDG home agenda item was addressed by County Attorney Curtiss, explaining that a distress warrant that should resolve the issue. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Health Plan Broker Samantha Stoltenberg had emailed health plan pharmacy savings information for the Board's review. Commissioner Lore would like to wait until renewal time to make any changes and stated that she would like for renewal date to begin with new calendar year. No action taken.

Willdan Construction Field Engineer Chris Barton, spoke to the Board regarding change orders. The Board discussed the 3rd floor bathroom fan, roof drainage that has not been resolved. County Clerk Messersmith read the minutes from the April 6, 2020 meeting informing Mr. Barton that the motion approved all additional outlet requests. Snell will get final costs for all outlets on the diagram. Also discussed were the hail guards, lighting in the lobbies. Susan Lore moved to delete lighting sconces on the second and third floors as shown on the attached diagram. The county will take possession of the extra sconces. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

After reviewing and questioning several claims, Susan Lore moved to approve monthly claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis recessed at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed at 10:20 a.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided road report, with the Board discussing the need for a tire amnesty, and would encourage Keep Alliance Beautiful (KAB) to apply for the amnesty, as the County provides financial support to KAB.

At 10:30 a.m., Road Superintendent Keegan provided a spread sheet detailing the only bid to repair two locations on Jefferson Road between Highway 2 and Highway 385 and one location immediately west of Highway 2 on Jefferson Road. Three options had been received in the office of the County Clerk by 9:00 a.m., April 20, 2020. Susan Lore moved to award the bid to Peltz Companies, Inc., (option #2, with a unit price of \$445/Cubic Yard; Extension/Total \$134,256.50), seconded by Mike McGinnis. Commissioner Hashman said he will visit with Simplot and Thompson Seed to see if they will cost share. Road Superintendent Keegan stated that the County should only go to the white lines and not



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work in the state right-of-way. Commissioner Hashman said he will call the State Engineer, as the state won't say anything if the county is fixing their road. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Hashman and McGinnis discussed the possible purchase and use of a culvert cleaner with Road Superintendent Keegan. No decision to a purchase a culvert cleaner will be made until towards the end of the budget year.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met via Zoom, at 9:00 a.m., May 4, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on April 23, 2020. Agenda and zoom information emailed to board members and posted on the county website May 1, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting via zoom. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present via zoom. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve April 20, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to table elected officials and office reports to the May 18, 2020 meeting, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Agenda item to revisit the county employee's pharmacy plan was due to recent correspondence from Insurance Broker Samantha Stoltenberg stating that local pharmacies were pleased with Southern Scripts Pharmacy plan. Commissioner Lore stated that she is in favor of switching to Southern Script as this could be a big savings for the County and she was pleased that local pharmacies are in favor of this plan. Motion made by Doug Hashman to transfer pharmacy plan to Southern Scripts beginning July 1, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners provided reports on various board meetings. Also stating that the next board meeting to be held on May 18, 2020 will continue to be a Zoom meeting.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, correcting 2 personal properties and 1 real estate, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, County Assessor Robinson and Commissioner Lore, as an expert witness, had participated in a recent TERC show/cause hearing, providing testimony regarding rural residential properties. Mike McGinnis, moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:28 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County resident Jim Ford, 6301 Lincoln Rd., had requested to speak to the Board regarding Lincoln Road. Mr. Ford stated that culverts were damaged and needed repair and he would like Commissioner Hashman and Road Superintendent Keegan to look at the road and culverts. Commissioner Hashman and Road Superintendent Keegan will meet Mr. Ford following the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Chairman McGinnis reported to the Board that he had been in contact with a possible Interim Public Defender candidate. No action taken.

County Clerk Messersmith had been contacted by the City of Alliance, informing the county that only one county burial space was available. The county had last purchased cemetery spaces in 2013. Doug Hashman moved to approve the purchase of four additional county burial spaces in the amount of \$960.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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NIRMA had recently provided recommendations of telecommuting policies. Commissioners Hashman and Lore wanted to see how area counties are handling this. Chairman McGinnis will discuss telecommuting policies with area Commissioners. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to let out public bid proposals for street light proposals for lighting on Box Butte Avenue in front of the courthouse, seconded by Susan Lore. Discussion included the need to move forward with the lighting project and to give everyone the opportunity to bid. Prior to a vote, Doug Hashman moved to amend the motion to send out bid packets to electrical contractors and publish in the newspapers with bids to be opened at 10:00 a.m., June 3, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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At the advertised time, 10:00 a.m., County Clerk Messersmith opened the 2 bids that had been received in the office of the County Clerk prior to 8:30 a.m. County Attorney Curtiss read the bids received from R&J Industries and KL Wood & Company LLC. Doug Hashman moved to accept the bid from KL Wood & Company LLC in the amount of \$85,000, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner Hashman said he will contact the Alliance City Manager to discuss the curb on the North side of the courthouse on 6th street.

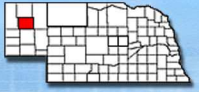
Willdan Project Manager Chris Barton discussed courthouse renovation progress with the Board. Mr. Barton provided the change order cost of \$14,442 for electrical outlets that had been previously voted on and approved. Also discussed was a leak that had occurred in the maintenance office, assessor office and second floor probation office during the last rain. Susan Lore reported that the ceiling light located in the lobby has been refurbished and Snell Electrical will reconnect the light fixture.

Doug Hashman moved to approve monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 127,247.45; AFLAC 1,915.92; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 505.96; Bank of the West 40,937.08; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,794.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; NE Child Support Payment Center 782.03; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,660.10; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,317.77; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 37,979.79; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 196.24; Bank of the West 7,562.42; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Credit Management Services Inc 400.25; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,210.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,278.59; State of NE Dept of Revenue 1,597.94; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met via Zoom, at 9:00 a.m., May 18, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on May 7, 2020. Agenda and zoom information emailed to board members and posted on the county website May 15, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present via Zoom. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting via zoom. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present via zoom. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve May 4, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and members reported on meetings they had attended by Zoom meetings.

Susan Lore moved to reopen the county buildings on Monday, June 1, 2020, installing hand sanitizers at office doorways and to continue practicing social distancing, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. The Board and County Attorney discussed protest hearings and the need to follow COVID-19 social distancing. With the courthouse building to unlock the doors on June 1st, the Board decided to set in person hearing dates. County Clerk Messersmith will advertise hearing dates beginning 1:30 p.m., June 22, 2020; 1:30 p.m., June 30, 2020; 9:00 a.m., July 1, 2020; and 1:30 p.m., July 6, 2020. Decisions on property protest hearings will be made July 20, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. and July 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:52 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Chairman McGinnis discussed with Barb using crushed concrete instead of white rock on projects. Ms. Keegan stated that Kim Rosanne could possibly be back in the pits to crush rock in July. As a follow up from last meeting, both Road Superintendent Keegan and Commissioner Hashman had met with Jim Ford and reported that a culvert had been moved. Ms. Keegan stated that she had recently been notified that the County would be receiving \$10,367.82 in disaster payments.

Board members and Road Superintendent discussed the NE State ROW near the current Jefferson Road project between Highway 385 and Highway 2 near Berea. Ms. Keegan stated that there is money in the road budget to add the approach going South. Doug Hashman moved to add an apron on the South, and drop the patch on the West side, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to accept Public Defender Jon Worthman's letter of resignation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis informed Commissioners Lore and Hashman that he had been in contact with Attorney Joel Burke and that Mr. Burke is interested in meeting with the Board. Added to the June 3, 2020 agenda will be an interview with Mr. Joel Burke for Public Defender position.

Included in correspondence packet was a commercial lease agreement between SLM Enterprises LLC and Box Butte County for DHHS space rental at 411 Black Hills Avenue, Alliance, NE. The Board acknowledged that there had not been an increase in rent for some time and the proposed lease had a 4% increase for the first year, followed by 3% increases for the next two years. The Board requested that County Clerk Messersmith contact Mike Stodden in order to



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have a lease agreement follow fiscal year dates. Doug Hashman moved to accept the lease agreement for 411 Black Hills Avenue, to follow fiscal year budgets, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Willdan Construction Field Engineer Chris Barton provided updates and progress reports on courthouse renovations. Hail guards are in production now and the roofing company will be correcting a problem that includes a wrong downspout. Commissioner Lore asked about the window shades, with Maintenance Supervisor Jeane Warfield stating that some of the roll up shades have been installed.

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County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that she had been in contact with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson. Mr. Johnson will be sending preliminary budget forms to all offices within the next few days, asking that he receive the preliminary requests by June 15, 2020 and a copy be sent to the County Clerk's office.

Doug Hashman moved for Chairman McGinnis to sign monthly claims, with the exception of Commissioner Lore's conflict claim, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve Commissioner Lore's conflict claim in the amount of \$1,103.53, as Katelman Company Restoration had required payment in order to restore the courthouse lobby antique ceiling fixture, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, abstain; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in a regular meeting, at 9:00 a.m., June 3, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on May 21, 2020. Agenda was posted on the county website and emailed to board members May 15, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds, and County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and was available for public view.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved, seconded by Doug Hashman allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor Robinson presented. Susan Lore moved to sign a refund in the amount of \$741.24 to Jason and Carey Tittle, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Board of Equalization property protest hearing dates were amended to begin on June 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., and amend July 1, 2020 to begin at 1:30 p.m., with those dates and times to be re-advertised. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Ryan Poots, District Manager for Eagleview presented a budget proposal for 2021, with Flight 1 total at \$95,004.80. Mr. Poots was to inquire about cost share with adjoining counties, Sheridan and Dawes. No action taken.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben presented the wildlife damage management program proposal for fiscal year 2020-2021, not to exceed \$20,115.71. County Attorney Curtiss will review the current contract and the Board requested for District Supervisor, Jerry Feist to attend the June 22, 2020 board meeting. Susan Lore moved to table signing an agreement with USDA, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman McGinnis opened the two street lighting bids that had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Triangle Electric Inc. submitted a bid of \$42,306.00, and Jaybird Electric submitted a bid of \$34,456.56. Jane Faber with Triangle Electric was present and stated that they had completed the previous downtown lighting improvements. Commissioner Lore felt that companies need to follow the bid specs and that Jaybird Electric had not submitted a bid bond. Susan Lore moved to award the street lighting bid to Triangle Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$42,306.00, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hashman excused himself from the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Box Butte County Fair Board Member, Jeff Schumacher, came before the Board to request a special designated liquor permit for the Box Butte County Fair, August 5, 2020 to August 9, 2020. The Board asked about trained servers, with Mr. Schumacher stating he is current on his training. Susan Lore moved approving and allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the special designated liquor permit, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, absent; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hashman returned to the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Attorney Joel Burke was interviewed by the Board of Commissioners.



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Following an interview, Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session at 10:40 a.m. with Mr. Burke and Commissioners Lore, Hashman and McGinnis, to discuss public defender position, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Burke exited closed session at 11:00 a.m. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 11:10 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to offer the Box Butte County Public Defender position to Attorney Joel Burke, with a yearly salary of \$51,511.00, including all officials' benefits, beginning July 1, 2020, seconded by Doug Hashman. Prior to vote, Susan Lore amended her motion to include allowing the Public Defender to have

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a private practice also, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will draft a contract and Mr. Burke will notify Chairman McGinnis by Friday morning, June 5, 2020, if he will accept the Public Defender position.

Correspondence included a revised lease from Mike Stodden, correcting the dates to correspond with fiscal years. The lease agreement/contract will be an agenda item for the June 22, 2020 meeting. Commissioners reported on meetings they had attended via zoom. Susan Lore moved to approve the May 18, 2020 minutes, following Commissioner Hashman's request to include total dollar amount for the Jefferson Road project, that Road Superintendent Keegan provided, which was \$153,771.25, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan will contact the insurance carrier regarding the loss of shingles and condition at the Alliance shop.

Willdan Construction Engineer Chris Barton provided an update on the courthouse renovation project, stating that renovations are almost complete. Mr. Barton discussed the roof condition, fixing a broken pipe in condensing unit, checking out some noises in ceiling heating/cooling units and also mentioned some lights needing to be replaced.

Added to the June 22, 2020 agenda will be the completion sign-off documents presented by Willdan.

Added to the June 22, 2020 agenda will be Commissioner's employee review.

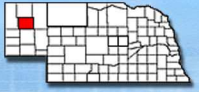
Added to the June 22, 2020 agenda will be updates on the custodian's list of repairs.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 129,738.02; AFLAC 1,884.98; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 515.86; Bank of the West 41,179.95; Box Butte County Treasurer 94,226.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; NE Child Support Payment Center 782.63; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,509.28; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,425.73; Independent Eye Care Professionals 98.46. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 35,121.85; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 196.24; Bank of the West 6,649.42; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 356.51; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,210.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,067.78; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,359.18; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., June 22, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on June 11, 2020. Agenda was posted on the county website and emailed to board members June 19, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve June 3, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign County Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and was available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, correcting real estate, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Indian Mission Church of God Form 457 Application for Exemption, as County Treasurer Bell had previously approved, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Tax Equalization and Review Commission had mailed Commission's orders for hearings on the merits of the appeals orders for single commissioner hearing and notice of hearing, that arrived in the mail prior to the meeting. County Attorney Curtiss and Commissioner Lore are not in favor of a single commissioner hearing, discussing the costs involved for the county and taxpayers. Commissioner Hashman asked County Assessor Robinson to confess judgement, in order to dismiss the appeals. TERC hearing appeals will be added to the July 6, 2020 agenda, as the notice of hearings had not been an agenda item. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to reject the proposed City of Alliance Transportation Agreement, noting that agreement dates in paragraph 9 were incorrect and questioning paragraph 4b. that did not state services were to be provided to residents in and near communities of Alliance and Hemingford, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. City of Alliance will be contacted regarding changes to the agreement.

No action taken on extending paving near the sheriff's parking lot, that the Alliance Police Department had requested for parking spaces. Discussion included using the gravel area on the North side of the jail as parking, snow removal and drainage.

Doug Hashman moved to approve the Commercial Lease Agreement 2020-03 between SLM Enterprises, LLC and Box Butte County for DHHS services, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve Interlocal Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Caseworker Services 2020-04 with Morrill County, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Willdan Construction Field Engineer Chris Barton spoke to the Board via telephone, informing the Board that the chiller drainage problem will be corrected, Samsung had received notice about noise in the Assessor's office coming from the cooling system and that the leak and cap on the roof was to be repaired during this week. Chairman McGinnis asked about state inspections and Mr. Barton informed the Board that inspections had taken place. Susan Lore moved to table signing certificates of completion, seconded by Doug Hashman until corrections have been made. Hashman, yes; Lore,



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yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Certificate of substantial completion or completion documents will be an agenda item for approval during the July 6, 2020 board meeting.

Lori White provided a building and grounds report, informing the Board that an ash tree has died, with the Board allowing for a replacement and that Anita Allen will be installing blinds in the courthouse offices this week.

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Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims, with the exception of a conflict claim, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve and sign a conflict claim in the amount of \$11,000 payable to MCT Trucking, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, abstain; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Supervisor Jerry Feist and Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben were present to discuss the financial plan agreement for wildlife nuisance problems. Doug Hashman moved to renew agreement 2020-05 in the amount of \$20,115.71 for wildlife services, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Recess called at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:30 a.m, with roll call: Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis present.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that the leased tractor has arrived and that Running Water/Wilkins is opening a pit, projecting 8500 ton. Ms. Keegan will follow up on pit royalty of price per ton vs. price per yard and stated that this rock could be used on Arthur Road project. Road Superintendent Keegan and Chairman McGinnis will visit with Grant County Road Superintendent and a Grant County Commissioner regarding a specialized contract between the two counties for millings and rehaul of rock. Follow up to the meeting between the two counties will be an agenda item for the July 6, 2020 meeting.

Road Superintendent Keegan will advertise for project 267 hauling, with bids to be in the Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, 2020. Bids will be publicly opened at 9:15 a.m., with action during the meeting after review.

Susan Lore moved to table Board employee's reviews to July 6, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

During fiscal year 20-21 discussion, County Attorney stated he will contact those financial businesses/bond companies that had shown an interest in long term tax exempt bond proposals.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis opened BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:30 p.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present. County Assessor Robinson and County Clerk Messersmith present. Property protest hearings were heard from Joshua Dean, Chris Thompson, William Fattig, Steve Burney, John Burke, George Krejci, Chasity Jones and Steve Rumsy. Protests from Randy Garrett, Douglas Miller and Berean Fundamental Church were read during the hearing.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 1:30 p.m., June 30, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published May 29, 2020, in the Ledger, an agenda was email to the Board and posted on the county website June 26, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the Board Room was acknowledged.

Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes, McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Lore, Hashman and McGinnis, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were heard from: James Overstreet, Tom and Shirley DeVoogd, Cynthia Trickler, Callan Ackerman, Mason Holmes, Bruce Winten, Scott Moeller representing Janet Williams and Teresa Wood. Dafney's Inc protests were read into record.

Chairman Hashman recessed at 11:58 a.m..

Chairman McGinnis resumed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:28 p.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present.

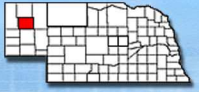
Property valuation protest forms 422 were heard from: Dell Clark, Carol and Dave Timmens, and Aaron Wood (KL Wood). Protest 422 forms were read from Gilbert Sullivan, Christopher Hinkley, Michael Dietrich and Cheema Investments.

Chairman Hashman adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:15 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., July 6, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on July 2, 2020. Agenda was posted on the county website and emailed to board members July 2, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda with three additions, added on July 2, 2020, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve June 22, 2020 minutes and June 30, 2020 Board of Equalization minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and was available for public view.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 127,962.48; AFLAC 1,884.98; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 505.86; Bank of the West 40,991.51; Box Butte County Treasurer 97,972.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 236.06; NE Child Support Payment Center 374.83; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,257.87; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,315.90; Independent Eye Care Professionals 110.34. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 38,989.13; AFLAC 191.36; Bank of West 7,555.10; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 400.09; Lincoln National Life Insurance 6.12; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,535.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,391.06; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,590.00; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

No action taken on the City of Alliance Public Transportation Agreement from last meeting.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry updated the Board on the law enforcement building air conditioner stating she had contacted local companies and they do not want to submit a quote for repairs or replacement. Rasmussen Mechanical Services representative Kelly Aldren and Tom Law presented a \$117,210.00 quote for new condenser and cooling coil, control, upgrade on 12 zone air handler and boiler plant for the law enforcement building. Mr. Law and Mr. Aldren described the condition of the current system and that they will only be allowed to charge with R22 refrigerate so many times. Doug Hashman moved to approve the specialized bid quote in order to move forward with the project, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:46 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Robinson informed the Board that she will be meeting with legal council on Thursday, July 9, 2020, to discuss pending appeals. County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board that he will make a 3 person appeal request to the TERC Board in order to meet deadlines. Pending TERC appeals will be added to the July 20, 2020 agenda. Doug Hashman moved, seconded by Susan Lore, allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Iglesia Bethel Asambleas De Dios De Mexico exemption application form 457 that County Treasurer Bell had recommended. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:50 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to extend Randy Langmeier's Box Butte General Hospital Board of Trustee position one more year, in order to be in compliance with statute 23-3502. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Agreement 2020-06: engagement letter for audit services with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Continued from the July 6, 2020 meeting was the discussion for additional paving at the law enforcement building. Also discussed was parking on the North side of the jail for courthouse employees, freeing parking on the side streets and on Box Butte Avenue for the public's use. Chairman McGinnis will meet with the Alliance City Manager to discuss parking requests and public transportation agreement request, to be added to the July 20, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee Lori White informed the Board on renovations that have not been completed as of this date. Ms. White had talked to Willdan Engineer Chris Barton regarding the

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incompleted projects. No action taken on Willdan completion sign-off papers due to the incompleted repairs.

County Treassurer Val Bell provided the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report as required, to the Board, with no action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:25 a.m, to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Hashman, Lore and McGinnis present in executive session. At 10:50 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Box Butte County Commissioner Susan Lore and Road Superintendent Barb Keegan will meet with Grant County representatives July 14, 2020, to discuss millings and a possible rehaul contract. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that she had had a speed limit reduction request on CR 70 near Hemingford. Ms. Keegan will provide a traffic speed count at the next meeting for consideration.

Three estimates for roofing the county shop building at 101 Howard Street had been received. Doug Hashman moved to accept Charles & Rhonda Hamm Enterprises LLC estimate of \$14,520.00, plus the additional \$2,000.00 upgrade to 26 gage steel, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 11:28 a.m., for employee review with Road Superintendent Keegan, seconded by Mike McGinnis, with all three Board members present. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for an employee review at 12:52 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to table 20-21 fiscal year budget discussion to the July 20, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis recessed at 12:53 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 1:33 p.m., with roll call: Susan Lore, Mike McGinnis and Doug Hashman present.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:33 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

County Clerk Messersmith administered the oath to Board members Hashman, Lore and McGinnis, County Assessor Robinson and members of the public protesting their valuations. Protest valuations were heard from: Deb Campbell, Christal Powell, Brandon Powell, Brendan C. Lilley, telephone call with Scott Brettman (Helroy LLC), Diane Olson,



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Mark Cover & Darwin French (Cover Jones Motor Co), Richard & Rosie Collins, Tim Kumpf, Steph Mantooth (Steph's Studio), Sharon Wignall, and Kyle Huss.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 4:18 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 4:23 p.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present.

Continuing with protest hearings: John & Patricia Ruffing, George Creve-Coeur, Joseph Herrington, Milton & JoAnn Strang, Tim Garwood (Atabrit), Mark Strand, Rosa & Manuel Vazquez and Doug Hashman.

Property protests read into record were from: Matthew Ailey, Virgil Elliott & Terry Elliott.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., July 20, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on July 9, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members, county attorney and news media July 17, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda with an addition added on July 17, 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve July 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Correspondence had been emailed to the Board and was available for public view, and board reports were heard.

County Assessor Michelle Robinson provided the Board a list of Box Butte County cemeteries and legal descriptions as stated in 77-202. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis opened aggregate hauling bids at 9:15 a.m. Six bids had been received in the office of the County Clerk by 4:00 p.m., July 17, 2020. Submitting bids were Daren Berg, K4 Trucking II, Inc., MCT Trucking, NSG, Phillips F&T, and V&T Trucking. All bid information was then given to Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, in order for Ms. Keegan to prepare a spread sheet comparing the bids.

Chairman McGinnis reported that he had met with Chief Kiss regarding additional parking and Chief Kiss had expressed the need for future space at the county law enforcement building. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis will meet with Alliance City Manager during this week, (July 21-24, 2020), to discuss Alliance Public Transportation Agreement. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Robinson informed the Board that she had met with her legal council, Travis Rodak on July 9, 2020, regarding the TERC appeals. She had received an email from Mr. Rodak during this meeting, not allowing County Attorney Curtiss and the Board adequate time to read and review the letter, Susan Lore moved to table any action on pending TERC appeals to the August 5, 2020 board meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:37 a.m, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign monthly claims with exception of a \$16,500.00 claim to MCT Trucking, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve a conflict claim in the amount of \$16,500.00 to MCT Trucking, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, abstain; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Bond Financing was added to the agenda and D A Davidson representative, Andy Forney, was present to provide bond financing information to the Board. First National Capital Markets, Inc., Ameritas Investment Company, LLC and Baker Group had submitted financing information for review. County Attorney Curtiss recommended providing copies of all presentations to the Board for review with bond financing to be an agenda item for the August 5, 2020 meeting.

Maintenance and Grounds employee Lori White provided the Board with updates on renovations and repairs that had been completed and those needing to be done. Willdan completion sign-off papers will continue to be an agenda item. No action taken.



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Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan returned with an aggregate hauling bid spread sheet. Prior to awarding a bid, Ms. Keegan had a letter that had been included in Phillips F&T bid packet that was requested to be read into the minutes, asking the Board to award the bid locally. After reviewing the bids and requirements, Mike McGinnis moved to award the bid to Berg Trucking, LLC (\$14.58 price per ton), seconded by Susan Lore. Commissioner Lore stated that the Berg Trucking bid was \$9,164.00 less than the next closest bid, but hated to see the money going out of state. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Grant County, NE, County Commissioner Dan Vinton was present to answer questions and discuss the proposed agreement between Grant County and Box Butte County. Motion by Doug Hashman for 6000 tons of road millings @ \$5.50 ton from Grant County, with 4000 ton of rock from the Adam's Pit to be

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rehailed back to Grant County, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. The Board has not decided what road the millings will be used on at this time, Commissioner Hashman suggested west on Madison Road.

Farmers State Bank representative, Dustin Chester, was present to provide bond proposal information from Bakers Group, with the Board informing Mr. Chester this will be a September 4, 2020 agenda item.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the Local Public Agency annual certification form for highway buyback program allotments, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided a speed study report on CR70 traffic. County Attorney Curtiss will meet with County Sheriff Mowry and Village of Hemingford Police to discuss speed control.

Fiscal year 20-21 budget discussions and board's employee reviews will be added to the August 5, 2020 agenda. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 11:55 a.m., to discuss pending Board of Equalization litigation with Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis and County Attorney Curtiss, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 12:27 p.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for pending litigations, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 12:27 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 1:34 p.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore, and Mike McGinnis present.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:34 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Notice of publication for property protest valuation decisions had been published in the Ledger on July 9, 2020.

Joshua M. Dean (070177090) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 21,000; Buildings 247,435; Total 268,435.

Chris Thompson (070032068) Doug Hashman moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 44,270; Buildings 293,730; Total 338,000.



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Dr. William V Fattig (070010137) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 331,108; Buildings 188,122; Total 519,230.

Steven Burney (070038333) Doug Hashman moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,903; Buildings 66,097; Total 70,000.

Randy Garrett (070016046) Doug Hashman moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 18,000; Buildings 76,500; Total 94,500.

John Burke (070185964) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 31,338; Buildings 118,405; Total 149,743.

George & Belva Krejci (070105057) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 86,843.

George & Belva Krejci (0700104808) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, No; Lore, yes. McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 88,294.

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George & Belva Krejci (070104921) Susan Lore moved to raise the valuation after receiving information at the protest hearing, died for lack of second. Following discussion, Susan Lore moved to raise the valuation after receiving information at the protest hearing, seconded Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 86,843.

George & Belva Krejci (070104859) Doug Hashman moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 88,150.

Chasity Jones (070000794) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,950; Buildings 139,930; Total 145,340.

Douglas W. Miller (070009627) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to \$35,000, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 35,000.

Berean Fundamental Church (070235864) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 61,020.

Berean Fundamental Church (070104654) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 15,680.

Steve Rumsy (70072620) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 23,150; Buildings 125,465; Total 148,615.



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James Lee Overstreet (070021275) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,333; Buildings 50,300; Total 53,633.

Shirley DeVoogd (70041369) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing pending TERC decision, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 26,250; Buildings 25,000; Total 51,250.

Cynthia Trickler (0070017204) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,389; Buildings 65,740; Total 70,129.

VGA Farms LLC (070039100) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,153.

VGA Farms LLC (070039119) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039127) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039135) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039143) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

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VGA Farms LLC (070039151) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,850.

VGA Farms LLC (070039178) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,709.

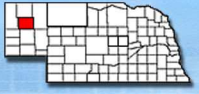
VGA Farms LLC (070039186) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039194) Doug Hashman moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039208) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039216) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,414.

VGA Farms LLC (070039224) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,392.



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Mason Holmes (070005052) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,271; Buildings 188,729; Total 195,000.

Bruce & Susan Winten (070022151) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, no; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 2,450; Buildings 90,315; Total 92,765.

Michael J Dafney - Dafney's Inc (070010064) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation to the \$30,000 confessed judgement amount, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 30,000.

Michael J Dafney - Dafney's Inc (070024294) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation to the \$30,000 confessed judgement amount, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 30,000.

Michael J Dafney - Dafney's Inc (070024316) Mike McGinnis moved to lower valuation to the \$50,000 confessed judgement amount, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 50,000.

Michael J Dafney – Dafney's Inc (070024324) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor. Died for lack of second. Doug Hashman moved to lower to the \$30,000 confessed judgement amount, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 30,000.

Janet Williams Revocable Trust (070001553) Susan Lore moved to set valuation at last year's value, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,875; Buildings 43,500; Total 48,375.

Ronald & Teresa Wood (070022070) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,424; Buildings 104,955; Total 109,379.

Del & Karen Clark (007001632) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,300; Buildings 86,660; Total 92,960.

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Carol Timmens (070108188) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 10,500; Buildings 88,840; Total 99,340.

Carol Timmens (070108277) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 7,000; Buildings 16,825; Total 23,825.

Gilbert L. Sullivan (070108781) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,040; Buildings 99,415; Total 104,455.



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Christopher A. Hinkley (07007012) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 10,540; Buildings 38,515; Total 49,055.

Michael Dietrich (070014361) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 15,750; Buildings 372,625; Total 388,375.

Michael Dietrich (070025223) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 14,202; Buildings 324,448; Total 338,650.

Michael Dietrich (070025231) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 18,497; Buildings 320,153; Total 338,650.

Cheema Investments LLC (070027579) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 40,936; Buildings 427,064; Total 468,000.

KL Wood & Co LLC (070050139) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 43,560; Buildings 149,894; Total 193,454.

Chairman McGinnis recessed at 3:37 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:44 p.m., with roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present.

Debra & Daniel Campbell (070103046) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 105,867; Buildings 15,060; Total 120,927.

Christal L. Powell (0070090645) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 15,500; Buildings 226,205; Total 241,705.

Christal L. Powell (0070090823) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,675.

Christal L. Powell (0070038287) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,903; Buildings 66,097; Total 70,000.

Christal L. Powell (0070012075) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division,



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seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, no. Motion carried. Land 7,200; Buildings 89,325; Total 96,525.

Brandon Powell (0070007675) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 19,877; Buildings 199,650; Total 219,527.

Brendan C Lilly, trustee, Beverly J DeLong-Tonelli Trust (070016992) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,985; Buildings 42,820; Total 48,805.

HELROY LLC (070096074) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, no; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 290,561.

Diane K. Olson (070097798) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. Land 37,348; Buildings 56,970; Total 94,318.

Cover Jones Motor Company, Mark Cover and Darwin French (070043310) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation to last year's Board's decision, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 42,000; Buildings 210,000; Total 252,000.

Richard L Collins (070085358) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land: 48,991; Buildings 158,455; Total: 207,446.

Tim and Debra Kumpf (070137846) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,494; Buildings 153,865; Total 158,359.

Matthew Ailey on behalf of Realty Income Properties 26, LLC (070130450) After review of the property, Mike McGinnis moved to lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 112,500; Buildings 399,000; Total 511,500.

Virgil and Terry Elliott (70167761) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, no; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Buildings 8,705.

Terry Rudy Elliott (70022054) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,705; Buildings 11,745; Total 15,450.

Steph Mantooth (070002215) Susan Lore moved, pending TERC appeal to set valuation at \$57,500, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,500; Buildings 51,000; Total 57,500.

Sharon Wignall (070043302) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation to requested valuation, due to pending TERC appeal, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,600; Buildings 31,080; Total 44,680.



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Kyle Huss & Janelle Huss (070021252) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,250; Buildings 147,380; Total 152,630.

Patricia Ruffing (070107785) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property

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Assessment Division, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,348. Buildings 145,585. Total 148,933.

George H. Creve-Coeur (070009384) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,950; Buildings 43,120; Total 49,070.

Joseph F Herrington (070103992) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 2,023; Buildings 35,800; Total 37,823.

Milton Strang (070026688) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 14,000; Buildings 75,000; Total 89,000.

Atabrit (070039356) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 1,637; Buildings 1,048. Total 2,685.

Mark Strand (070076812) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 386,571; Building 31,270; Total 417,841.

Rosa I. Vazquez (070227322) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 30,000; Buildings 490,800; Total 520,800.

Douglas R & Colleen K Hashman (070107017) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time. Valuation falls within the guidelines set by the Dept of Revenue Property Assessment Division. Hashman, abstain; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Land 175,883.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., August 5, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on July 23, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on August 3, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda with the addition of a signature request from Nebraska Forest Service, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis excused himself from the meeting at 9:03 a.m. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve July 20, 2020 minutes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis returned to the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Correspondence was available for public view, and board reports were heard. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign official's reports from Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk/ROD/Election Commissioner, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll claims, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. **GENERAL:** Net Salaries 135,992.36; AFLAC 1,884.98; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 555.82; Bank of the West 44,424.87; Box Butte County Treasurer 95,746.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,943.48; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,801.05; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. **ROAD:** Net Salaries 42,095.83; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 8,234.92; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,485.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,426.72; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,792.90; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Tanya Storer, a candidate for Legislative District 43, was present to introduce herself to the Board and discuss legislative issues.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:43 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, with 2 mobile home accelerations, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis recessed from BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:45 a.m.

Alliance City Manager Jeff Sprock was present to provide Public Transportation information. Informing the Board that the Public Transportation is being fully funded at this time from the federal government, and will not be asking for financial support from the County and Box Butte General Hospital for this year. No action taken.

The Board had reviewed four proposals for renovation bonding prior to the meeting. Upon the advice from County Attorney Curtiss, Chairman McGinnis will contact local financial advisors for their expertise in comparing fees, rates and terms. Bond financing will continue to be an agenda item on the August 17, 2020 meeting agenda. No action taken.

Box Butte County resident Jeanette Hucke, 421 CR 79, Hemingford, NE came before the Board to request rock for their roads and asked to have the roads maintained. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, stating that a Form 10 Resolution will be on the August 17, 2020 agenda.



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Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 11:12 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman to discuss a personnel matter with Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, County Attorney Curtiss and Barb Keegan present. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 11:42 a.m., that had been called to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

At 11:44 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session for an employee review with Veteran's Service Officer Dennis Laughlin, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 12:15 p.m., that had been called for

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an employee review, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the Pine Ridge Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan and Sioux Counties as requested by Region 23, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of items needing to be corrected or completed in order for the renovation to be completed. Willdan completion sign-off papers will continue to be an agenda item. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis resumed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 12:17 p.m., roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 12:17 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Hashman, Lore and McGinnis and County Attorney present for executive session. At 12:47 p.m. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for pending litigation and BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

A budget workshop has been advertised for Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., August 17, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on August 6, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on August 14, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis present. Doug Hashman moved to excuse Commissioner Susan Lore, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to approve August 5, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff's monthly report. During public comment on agenda items, Chairman McGinnis stated that the Board will not conduct an employee review as listed on the agenda until all three Board members are present. Correspondence included a letter from the City of Alliance informing the Board that the City of Alliance is applying for a Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign a letter thanking the City of Alliance for this opportunity and would provide two volunteers to participate with the recycling if the grant is approved, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Board members reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Doug Hashman moved to extend the line of credit with First National Bank for 90 days, seconded by Mike McGinnis. County Attorney Curtiss explained that the line of credit loan is maturing. The renovation had been planned to be complete at maturity, the extension will allow for completion. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. A copy of the minutes approving an extension will be sent to First National Bank.

Chairman McGinnis provided an update on bond financing, stating that proposals will be reviewed prior to the budget workshop on August 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No conflict claims to take action on.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:37 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, confessing judgement on Dafney's Inc., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to sign the refund claim in the amount of \$119.25 payable to Dafney's Inc., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:43 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Doug Hashman to sign Resolution 2020-07: revising the 1-year plan to include Project C-7 (20,277). Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Maintenance and Grounds employee Lori White provided the Board with items that needed to be addressed by Willdan, prior to renovation completion. Problems had occurred with the cooling units in the District Court room Ms. White requested to have the faucets hooked up to the big sink in the basement in order to wash new filters as required. Chairman McGinnis told Ms. White to contact one of the local plumbers to hook up the faucets.



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Willdan Construction Field Engineer Chris Barton spoke to the Board via telephone. Willdan has requested the Board sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion with the 12 month warranty, date of commencement June 3, 2020. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion with changes of dates in service to June 22, 2020 (date cooling unit was started) and July 14, 2020 (date that outside unit was fixed). The Board stated that they had reservations about signing the certificate prior to using the heating system, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Mr. Barton will prove a new Certificate of Substantial Completion with dates stated in the motion. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

RCI Health Plan Broker Samantha Stoltenberg with Plummer Insurance and Benefit Health Advisor Brian Hillier presented health plan renewal proposals. Doug Hashman moved to renew with IOA Re and CIGNA as carrier, continuing with current broker Samantha Stoltenberg/Plummer Insurance/Benefit Health

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Advisor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Ms. Stoltenberg will set up date and time to meet with county employees to discuss any health plan questions.

Mike McGinnis moved to continue with Mutual of Omaha for employee benefit life insurance, with RCI to continue the billing process with the understanding that Broker Stoltenberg will negotiate the age to 75 before a reduction of benefit can occur, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to continue the organ transplant benefit, as presented by Benefit Health Advisor Brian Hiller, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in an open and public meeting, at 10:00 a. m., August 24, 2020, in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on August 13, 2020, with agenda information emailed to board members and posted on the county website August 21, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Prior to Randy Langemeier, CPA, introducing himself, Chairman McGinnis stated that Mr. Langemeier was simply present to provide comparisons between Baker Group Public Finance Division and D.A. Davidson and that no decisions will be made today choosing a bond company. Selecting a bond company will be an agenda item for the September 4, 2020 meeting.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson was present to answer questions and update budget documents as the Board requested. Mr. Johnson will add bond fund code number 3000 with function numbers added for interest payments (6-022) and debt payments (6-0701). Travel expenses (2 1700), mileage allowance (2 1704), and dues, subscriptions, registrations (2 1751), will be allowed at \$1,500 on each function number for all offices. Elected officials and employees speaking during the workshop were: Extension Office – Carol Kleinsasser and John Thomas, County Treasurer Val Bell, County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Patty Kulas, County Attorney Terry Curtiss, Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, Veterans Service Office Kami Wills, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan and County Clerk Judy Messersmith. Extension Agent (645) has a one time increase of \$14,000 to line 1 0202 4-H Assistant salary. County Sheriff (651) was allowed to increase line 1 0202 other deputy's salary to \$230,551, allowing for a fifth deputy. The Board asked Mr. Johnson to make several adjustments in the Miscellaneous General 970 prior to the final draft.

Recess was called at 11:55 a.m

Meeting resumed at 12:00 p.m., with roll call: Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis present.

Prior to approving Resolution 2020-08: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, the Board and Mr. Johnson discussed 77-3443 (3)(4). Other political subdivisions; levy limit; levy request; governing body; duties allocation of levy. The Ag Society, Hemingford Rural Fire District and Alliance Rural Fire District did not submit a preliminary request for levy allocation on or before August 1st. Although the Board did not have to provide allocations for these Districts, Doug Hashman moved to allow tax allocation to political subdivisions as provided in the previous fiscal year, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal year 2020-2021 budget hearing will be September 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., September 4, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on August 20, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on September 2, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve August 17, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, abstain; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve August 24, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. GENERAL - Net Payroll: 127,086.62; AFLAC 1,843.77; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 555.82; Bank of the West 40,355.20; Box Butte County Treasurer 95, 616.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 229.46; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,924.98; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,191.19; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. ROAD – Net Payroll: 32,566.69; AFLAC 191.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 6,308.68; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,598.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,125.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 1,988.36; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,289.17; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairman McGinnis opened EWP (emergency watershed protection program) project bids at 9:15 a.m., as advertised. The only bid received in the County Clerk's office was from KL Wood LLC. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan left to review the bid specs following the opening of bid(s).

County Treasurer Val Bell provided a list of Distress Warrants for the Board's review. Following discussion, the Board did not want to adopt Resolution 2020-09 until County Attorney Curtiss and County Sheriff Tammy Mowry had more opportunity to review the distress warrants. Resolution 2020-09 will be an agenda item on the September 21, 2020 commissioner board agenda.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, as County Assessor Robinson presented correcting two manufactured homes, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:34 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Agreement 2020-07 between Pictometry International Corp and Box Butte County, NE., seconded by Mike McGinnis. This agreement is for six years. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Prior to making a motion, the Board discussed the two companies that Chairman McGinnis had selected for review, The Baker Group Public Finance Division and D A Davidson & Co. Susan Lore moved to accept D A Davidson Co. 10-year proposal for 2,250,000 limited tax building improvement bonds, series 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, abstain; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Don Dye with MC Schaaf & Associates along with Road Superintendent Barb Keegan discussed KL Wood LLC bid with the Board. Mr. Dye requested that this be tabled in order to speak to KL Wood regarding a line in the bid. Susan Lore moved to table awarding the bid until September 21, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Keegan continued with the road and equipment report. A hearing will be set for September 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., to amend the 1-year road plan. (Resolution 2020-07). The Board is allowing Ms. Keegan to bid up to \$17,600 online for a 1985 GMC snow plow truck. The bidding is to end on September 5, 2020. Informal bids will be gathered for hauling as part of the county's truck fleet are needing repairs at this time.

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Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-10: County annual certification of program compliance form 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to sign NE board of roads classifications and standards, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 10:50 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to enter into executive session, to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan present in executive session. Ms. Keegan left executive session at 11:05 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 11:38 a.m., that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to accept and sign inventory sheets from all county offices, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Maintenance and Grounds employees Jeane Warfield and Lori White provided renovation updates and report. Ms. Warfield informed the Board that the smoke detectors will need to be updated. Doug Hashman moved to accept Jeske Lawn Sprinklers proposal in the amount of \$3,545.00 to install sprinklers behind the parking lot on 5th street, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners conducted an employee review with Lori White, followed by an employee review with Jeane Warfield. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Chairman

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Roll call at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer, Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis present. Mike McGinnis moved to excuse Commissioner Susan Lore, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded proceedings. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman McGinnis acknowledged the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the Board room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda, that was sent to all Board members and posted on the county's website, September 11, 2020, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:03 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to open the 2020-2021 budget hearing and hearing to set final tax request, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Notice of hearing to be held in the Box Butte County Courthouse board room, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE, and was advertised in the Alliance Times Herald on September 9, 2020. Affidavit of Publication was available. Budget books #1, #2 and #3 were available for public view. Comparison to the previous year's budget was available during presentation along with the addition of the courthouse bond. Chairman McGinnis asked the public body if anyone wanted to speak. With no public comment, Mike McGinnis moved to close public hearing and hearing to set final tax request, at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Immediately following the hearings, Chairman McGinnis opened board meeting at 9:18 a.m. Roll call: Doug Hashman and Mike McGinnis. Commissioner Lore had been excused during the budget hearing. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded proceedings.

Doug Hashman moved to approve Resolution 2020-12: Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%), seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Resolution 2020-13: Property Tax Request 2020-2021, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to adopt Resolution 2020-14: Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve Resolution 2020-15: Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Hashman adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., September 21, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on September 10, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on September 18, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment of agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve September 4, 2020 meeting minutes and September 15, 2020 budget hearing/meeting minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Elected official's reports and board reports will be presented at the October 5, 2020 meeting. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell provided 2019 tax remaining report to the Board for review. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Distress Resolution 2020-09, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2020-11 instructing County Treasurer to issue tax sale certificates, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Doug Hashman, to accept a change order request from Chairman McGinnis with KL Wood LLC for additional cement needed in order to attach benches. 64 to 65 sq.ft. of additional cement at \$6.00 per sq. ft. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Notice of opening for two Box Butte General Hospital Trustee Board Members had been advertised in the Alliance Times Herald and The Ledger, with letters of interest to be received in the office of the County Clerk by September 11, 2020. Two letters had been received. Mike McGinnis moved to reappoint Tom Cummings and appoint Barb Straub to the hospital board, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to open the public hearing at 9:32 a.m., to amend the 1-year road improvement plan, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. With no members of the public speaking, Susan Lore moved to close the public hearing at 9:38 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2020-16 amending Resolution 2020-07, to include Project C-7 (20,277), seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

As a continuation from the September 4, 2020 board meeting, Don Dye, M.C. Schaff & Associates engineer, had met with Ken Wood (KL Wood LLC) to discuss the bid for the EWP project that had been tabled from the September 4th board meeting. The earth shoulder construction item was negotiated from \$48,000 to \$4,800. Doug Hashman moved to accept the \$73,700 negotiated bid from KL Wood LLC, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Susan Lore moved to approve and execute an engagement letter with D A Davidson, allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign on behalf of Box Butte County, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to sign the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice of Meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Resolution 2020-17: “Limited Tax County Building Bonds, Series 2020” not to exceed \$2,500,000, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben spoke to the Board, via telephone to express his appreciation for his years of association with the county, as his retirement date will be September 30, 2020.

Prior to approving claims, Commissioner Hashman requested a total cost on the Nance Rd (25th Street) project. Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign claims with the exception of Werner Construction Inc. claim in the amount of \$28,370.07 for retention, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes;

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McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Totals for the Nance Rd. project will be provided to the Board prior to processing October 2020 claims.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 10:18 a.m., to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis and County Attorney Curtiss present. Doug Hashman moved to close executive session at 10:45 a.m., that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis reported that a sales representative with Mohawk carpets will attend a meeting soon to discuss carpet replacement for the courthouse.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session, at 9:00 a.m., October 5, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on September 24, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on October 2, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment of agenda items. Doug Hashman moved to approve September 21, 2020 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Chairman McGinnis reported on recent meetings he had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL FUND** Net Payroll: 134,871.25; AFLAC 1,843.77; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 565.82; Bank of the West 44,325.81; Box Butte County Treasurer 97,868.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.76; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,209.32; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,922.45; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. **ROAD FUND** Net Payroll: 34,631.35; AFLAC 191.34; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 6,760.08; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 400.27; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,125.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,190.86; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,458.86; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80. **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Werner Construction LLC 28,370.07-retention.

Mike McGinnis moved to change November 4, 2020 meeting date to November 5, 2020, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Michelle Robinson provided an update on county owned vehicles, a Dodge Charger and Dodge Durango. Both vehicles have received recent repairs at Alliance Motors. The Assessor's office and Extension office will work together sharing vehicles when the Assessor's staff are driving on trail roads and needing a vehicle with greater clearance.

Building and Grounds employees had provided a report on renovations and updates. Chairman McGinnis stated that a carpet factory representative, Mike Addy, will measure for carpet in the near future. The County recently installed sprinklers near the law enforcement parking lot. A memo will be provided to Police Chief Kiss asking the City of Alliance Police Department to not back in and park over the sprinklers as water is hitting the underside of the vehicles not allowing for an adequate job of watering.

At 9:31 a.m., Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book, adjusting a 2017 exemption, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to adopt 20-21 Levy Resolution 2020-17, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:50 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. County Attorney Curtiss suggested a road study to close right-of-way on Logan Rd between CR63 & CR64, so property owners can provide input. Notice will be



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sent to property owners and Road Superintendent Keegan will do a road study and make recommendation. Decision on Logan Rd between CR63 & CR64 will be an agenda item for the November 16, 2020 board meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided Nance Rd. project actual cost and Werner Construction estimate cost, along with payment amounts, dates and from what funds the checks were written. Susan Lore moved to approve a check to Werner Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$28,370.07 from the Inheritance Fund, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. This claim had been denied at the September 21, 2020 board meeting, and will be issued October 8, 2020.

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Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:15 a.m., to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis; County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan. At 10:30 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called for a personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Keegan and Commissioners discussed seal coating and costs for armor coat oil application. Informal quotes will be obtained for oil application costs.

RCI Account Executive Marge Chapman and Broker Samantha Stoltenberg were present to answer questions from employees regarding the County's Health Plan.

RCI Account Executive Marge Chapman provided amendments to the county's health plan for the Board's approval. Susan Lore moved to approve and sign Amendment Number 3, covering immunizations, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to approve and sign Amendment Number 2, providing enhanced health benefits associated with testing and treatment of COVID 19, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to sign Administrative Service Agreement 2020-08, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to ratify routine immunizations at 100% with no cost share to the member with Southern Scripts, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 11:25 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation, Mike McGinnis added real estate to the motion, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis and County Attorney Curtiss. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 11:52 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., October 19, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on October 8, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on October 16, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment of agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve October 5, 2020 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. NACO Director, Larry Dix had sent a voter registration to cast ballot for Box Butte County during December 2020 NACO election to Chairman McGinnis outlining election procedures for voting for NACO officers. Doug Hashman moved to nominate County Treasurer Val Bell as the county's representative to cast a ballot at the December 2020 NACO meeting, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Remaining correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. With no board meetings recently held, Susan Lore said she would like to have board appointments reviewed prior to reorganization in January 2021.

Prior to approving final dollar amount for renovation bonds with D.A. Davidson, the Board discussed the current claims from KL Wood and Triangle Electric for the sidewalk and lighting project. Susan Lore moved to pay back Inheritance Fund with the City of Alliance's share of the curb and lighting payment, seconded by Doug Hashman. Commissioners McGinnis, Lore and Hashman had viewed a section of the sidewalk that had a full length crack prior to the meeting, KL Wood will be contacted to make the replacement. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed final bond amounts, as the Board had previously approved up to 2.5 million dollars in renovation bonds with D.A. Davidson. Doug Hashman moved to enter into renovation bonding for a 10 year period at 2.5 million dollars, with construction loan payoff to finish no later than November 25, 2020, with remaining costs to be paid out of the county's Inheritance Fund, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Chairman McGinnis will contact D.A. Davidson representative Andy Forney for bond documents.

Carolyn Annen with Nebraska Strong Recovery Project spoke to the Board, stating they are an outreach program working with the public during the current COVID-19 pandemic in the state and that Department of Health and Human Services had awarded funding to implement crisis counseling programs.

Box Butte County Development Corporation Director Chelsie Herian and Tourism Director Amity Palmer provided updates and discussed future advertising and events that have happened and appreciated the support the County of Box Butte have provided.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided an equipment and road report. Letters have been mailed to land owners regarding the right of way closure request on Logan Rd between CR63 & CR64, this is an agenda item for the November 16, 2020 meeting. Ms. Keegan informed the board she had had a request to shut down Madison Rd for beet harvest. Ms. Keegan also informed the board she had an application from an employee in another county department. No action taken, as information only.

At 10:34 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Those attending executive session were Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan. Mike McGinnis moved to close



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executive session at 10:44 a.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Commissioner Hashman informed Road Superintendent that resident Mark Vaughn had offered to haul millings to go in front of his house, and that the board has paid for rock in the past for residents that will haul the product for themselves and that this is a policy the county has been allowing.

Chairman McGinnis called recess at 10:55 a.m.

Chairman McGinnis resumed the meeting at 11:00 a.m., with roll call: Hashman, Lore and McGinnis present.

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Maintenance and Grounds employee Lori White provided a report on renovations that need to be completed prior to final payment to Willdan.

Lori White had concerns about her hourly pay status and working as an election board member. Election pay for county employees is treated the same as jury duty for county employees. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to deny Norm Hagler's request to use a metal detector on courthouse lawn and to not allow for persons to use metal detectors and dig on any county owned land, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2020-18 Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, adopting the Region 23 Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims, noting that the cement needs to be replaced where the crack is, and that the KL Wood and Triangle Electric claims for the sidewalk and lights need to be paid out of Inheritance Fund in order for the City of Alliance to reimburse their share of costs, seconded by Doug Hashman. KL Wood claim (86,547.00) and Triangle Electric claim (42,306.00) will need to be coded out of Inheritance Fund instead of County Building Fund. Following the changing of codes and rebalancing of claims, roll call: Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., November 5, 2020. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger on October 22, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on November 3, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda with the addition of an executive session to discuss pending litigation during Board of Equalization, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve October 19, 2020 minutes with a typo correction in paragraph three, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court monthly report, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. GENERAL Net Payroll: 135,914.71; AFLAC 2,197.23; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 593.84; Bank of the West 43,225.76; Box Butte County Treasurer 101,952.85; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.76; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,387.52; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,754.18; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. ROAD Net Payroll: 34,184.54; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 154.20; Bank of the West 6,598.19; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,784.00; Credit Management Services Inc 382.30; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,155.40; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,470.25; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Susan Lore moved to approve Senior Services Inc application for exemption Form 457, that County Treasurer Val Bel had recommended, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell provided a distress warrant name listing in amount of \$64,689.21, said list will be sent to the County Sheriff. County Treasurer Bell also informed the Board of the \$462,124.08 tax loss due to homestead exemptions.

Doug Hashman moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:29 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as County Assessor presented, with a mobile home correction, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. At 9:34 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session as part of Board of Equalization to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Board members Hashman, Lore, and McGinnis, County Assessor Robinson and County Attorney Curtiss present. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 9:52 a.m., that had been called to discuss pending litigation, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:53 a.m., seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson provided a zoning update, stating that several buildings had been built in the county and of a possible development. Mr. Johnson stated that the zoning board had not met as there had not been any zoning changes in the county, an organizational meeting may be called after the first of the year. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-19: For amendment and addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II intergovernmental/interlocal agreements, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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Mike McGinnis moved to ratify RCI health plan change request forms from Southern Scripts, seconded by Doug Hashman. Requested plan change on one of the forms was “effective immediately remove hardstops from Variable Copay Program allowing members to fill specialty medications outside the VCP program” and on the other form “cover Lexapro (a non-preferred brand) at a \$20 generic copay to mirror what was in place with WellDyne. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. An agreement, previously approved at the September 21, 2020 board meeting, between Box Butte County and K.L. Wood & Co LLC was designed by MC Schaff & Associates, Inc for Box Butte County Emergency Watershed Protection

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Project will soon be printed. Ms. Keegan will have contractor Ken Wood sign the agreement and Chairman McGinnis will sign the agreement document when prepared. Filter bids will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 9:00 a.m., December 7, 2020, at such time bids will be opened. Also discussed was possible crack sealing, with no action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:29 a.m., to discuss personnel, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Hashman, Lore, McGinnis, County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan present. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 10:54 a.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

During Maintenance and Grounds report, Chairman McGinnis said that he would have carpet samples in the next 2 weeks. No action taken.

DA Davidson Bond Documents will be added to the November 16, 2020 meeting agenda.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed school truancy and statute requirement for the County Attorney to take action. County Attorney Curtiss would like to deter absence problems, establishing a distance learning facility for zoom learning. County Attorney Curtiss asked the Board to consider using space in the basement of the Slagle Building for zoom learning. Consideration for use of the building will be an agenda item December 7, 2020, following the school board meeting to be held in the evening of November 16, 2020. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to ratify fnbo engagement financing for Box Butte General Hospital to utilize local funding, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., November 16, 2020, in the County Court Room, first floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger, November 5, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on November 13, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Susan Lore, present by zoom; Doug Hashman, and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Marissa Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the West wall of the County Court Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda with the moving of the right of way closure from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items. Prior to approving November 5, 2020 minutes, Commissioner Hashman wanted a correction to paragraph 7, correcting the second to the motion from Hashman to Lore. Doug Hashman moved to approve the minutes with a correction, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly report, seconded by Doug Hashman. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners Hashman and McGinnis reported on meetings they had recently attended and Chairman McGinnis added that he had contracted with new snow removal individuals for the Extension Office on Black Hills Avenue and for the courthouse building.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign MAXIMUS Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign all closing documents for the limited tax county building bonds, series 2000, with DA Davidson, seconded by Susan Lore. Closing documents will be signed by Chairman McGinnis, County Treasurer Bell and County Clerk Messersmith, with DA Davidson wiring funds to the Box Butte County Treasurer account at fnbo. Funds will be paid out of County Building Fund (4050) and Inheritance Fund (2700) to fnbo for construction loan repayment. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Maintenance and Grounds employees Jeane Warfield and Lori White provided updates on renovation projects. Chairman McGinnis had carpet samples in the Board room for employees to look at and he had contacted a carpet layer to give an estimate. No action taken.

Doug Hashman moved to sign Resolution 2020-20: Signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2020, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for determining incentive payment, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., Road Superintendent Barb Keegan read her report of study on road right-of-way abandonment/vacation of 6400-6300 Logan Road. Those members of the county speaking in favor of closing the road right of way were James Jelinek, representing Zach Jelinek and he stated that Surveyor Scott Bosse had surveyed section 17, township 25, range 48 in 2012, prior to the county's sale of property to Zach Jelinek. Jerry Underwood, representing his wife Connie Underwood, owner of property in section 8, township 25, range 48, stated they are also in favor of closing the right of way. County Attorney Terry Curtiss, via zoom, explained the process to abandon/vacate right of way and that this has not been used as a road. Mike McGinnis moved to abandon/vacate Logan Road between 6400 and 6300, seconded by Susan



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Lore. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will prepare a resolution to vacate/abandon 6400-6300 Logan Road to be an agenda item on the December 7, 2020 meeting.

Road Superintendent Keegan will notify all previous vendors with request for proposal information for off-road fuel. Proposals will need to be delivered to the Box Butte County Clerk by 9:05 a.m., December 7, 2020, at which time proposals will be opened. Requests for proposals can be a pay as you go proposal or a total cash price for fuel.

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Prior to approving monthly claims, the Board and County Attorney discussed the NIRMA claim, the claim for TERC attorney fees, and the construction loan payoff. Susan Lore moved to approved monthly claims as presented and an additional claim for construction loan payoff, that will be paid to fnbo out of County Inheritance Fund up to and not to exceed \$168,964.54, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes (zoom); Hashman, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman

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County Clerk



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., December 7, 2020, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger, November 25, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on December 3, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act that is posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda with Jim Gardner, CPA's presentation of the county audit moved to the December 21st meeting, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items.

Chairman McGinnis opened filter bids at 9:02 a.m. Two bids had been received in the office of the County Clerk from Koke's NAPA and O'Reilly.

Chairman McGinnis opened fuel proposals at 9:05 a.m. Two bids had been received in the office of the County Clerk from WESTCO and Panhandle Coop.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan will prepare spreadsheets on the bids and proposals for the Board's review and action during the road report.

Susan Lore moved to accept and sign November 16, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public review. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly payroll as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 132,069.12; AFLAC 2,242.08; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 593.84; Bank of the West 41,995.65; Box Butte County Treasurer 104,160.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 236.06; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,935.52; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,653.69; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 33,433.07; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 154.20; Bank of the West 6,212.12; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,100.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 378.37; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,112.99; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,354.94; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign the correction book as Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkens presented, with one correction, seconded by Doug Hashman. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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County Attorney Curtiss detailed how the County's Slagle Building could be utilized for Alliance High School virtual learning in order to resolve some of the truancy. Alliance Public School would provide tables, chairs, and fulltime para, and the County would provide electricity and the use of the restrooms. The basement of the Slagle Building is currently equipped with internet. Commissioners McGinnis and Hashman are not in favor of allowing this use of the Slagle Building. County Attorney Curtiss stated that the Board has control of the building and if the Board does not want to allow use of the building, the school will have to use another facility. No action taken.

Maintenance and Grounds employees Lori White and Jeane Warfield were present to provide maintenance updates. Discussed was the Slagle Building elevator inspection, with Commissioner Hashman stating he will call for more details regarding the inspection. No action taken.

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County Treasurer Val Bell had contacted caterers that would be willing to cater an employee appreciation dinner. With the current COVID restrictions, large gatherings are not permitted. The Board will allow for drive-through pickup meals provided by West Side Events Center for all employees to be picked up on Monday, December 21, 2020.

The County's reorganizational meeting will be held January 7, 2021. The Board heard from County Treasurer Bell regarding county depositories and discussion on meeting dates took place. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Keegan returned to the meeting with fuel proposals. Doug Hashman moved to accept Panhandle Co-op price of \$1.765 for 30,000 gallons of off road diesel, paying in the period after delivery, seconded by Susan Lore. WESTCO had proposed \$1.855 per gallon with the same option. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Doug Hashman moved to accept KOKES Auto Farm Truck, Inc \$554.20 bid for 16 filters, as the \$532.44 bid from O'Reilly Auto Parts was for 15 filters, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan continued with the road and equipment report. Commissioners Lore and McGinnis asked about completing road projects before the end of the year. Ms. Keegan needs 5 loads of rock to complete Arthur Road project #258, and is currently waiting for the delivery of a culvert to finish project #267 on CR70. Commissioner Hashman stated he would like to haul three loads of South Dakota red rock to CR63 and wanted the grass removed from the guard rails on CR70 north of Hemingford. The 1 & 6 year road plan hearing will be held on February 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2020-21: Vacation of a Part of Logan Road, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., December 21, 2020, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in The Ledger, December 10, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on December 18, 2020. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Doug Hashman, Susan Lore and Mike McGinnis present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Doug Hashman moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to approve December 7, 2020 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly report, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Doug Hashman. A claim to West Side Event Center for employee appreciation take-out dinners will be allowed for approval during the January 7, 2021 meeting. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Doug Hashman moved allowing Chairman McGinnis to sign six corrections (5 TERC orders and 1 personal property) as County Assessor Robinson presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Motion from Susan Lore to allow and sign \$29.18 refund claim to Stephanie Mantooth, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Hashman, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to table MAXIMUS Agreement for cost allocation plan and title IV-D child support to the January 7, 2021 meeting upon County Attorney's recommendation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike McGinnis, seconded by Susan Lore to reappoint Kevin Horn and Gail Burke to the Box Butte County Extension Board. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding 2021 reorganization. Reorganization will be an agenda item for the January 7, 2021 meeting. No action taken.

Maintenance & Grounds employee Lori White provided updates. Commissioner Hashman had spoken to Aaron Wood regarding sidewalk replacement and sealing. County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that keys had not been returned from contractors. Ms. White will contact Willdan for courthouse door and office keys. No action taken.

Jim Gardner, CPA, Gardner, Loutzenhiser, and Ryan, P.C., presented the financial report for the year ending June 30, 2020. Doug Hashman moved to accept the audit as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Hashman, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss excused himself from the meeting.



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Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Informing the Board that the City of Alliance had received the tire amnesty grant, with date to be announced later. Asphalt and crack sealing costs were discussed for several roads, with West Otoe and CR70 being the two largest projects on the list. More discussion will take place during the 1 and 6 year road plan hearing to be held on February 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman McGinnis adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Chairman

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