



# Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Prior to the meeting, Steve Burke was sworn in as County Commissioner by Judge Travis O’Gorman.

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., January 7, 2021, 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 24, 2020. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county’s website on January 6, 2021. Chairman McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, 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. Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items.

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

Mike McGinnis moved to assign Susan Lore to the following committees/boards:

- 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
- SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD
- EXTENSION BOARD

seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to assign Mike McGinnis to the following committees/boards:

- BOX BUTTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
- VICE-CHAIRMAN/WELFARE BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN
- BOX BUTTE GENERAL HOSPITAL
- NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION
- REGION 23 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to assign Steve Burke to the following committees/boards:

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

seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to assign all Commissioners as BUILDING & GROUNDS DIRECTORS, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.



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

Susan Lore moved to appoint Cody Renkoski as County Weed Superintendent, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Mike Johnson as County Zoning Administrator, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Scott Bosse' County Surveyor, as needed, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to appoint Dennis Laughlin as Veteran's Service Officer, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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Mike McGinnis moved to name the following bank depositories, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

BANK OF THE WEST (Alliance and Hemingford Branches)

WELLS FARGO BANK

NPAIT

GREAT WESTERN BANK

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FARMERS STATE BANK

SANDHILLS STATE BANK

WESTERN HERITAGE CREDIT UNION (Veterans Office)

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Steve Burke to name the Alliance Times Herald and The Ledger as official county newspapers. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

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

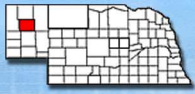
Mike McGinnis moved to name [www.boxbuttecounty.us](http://www.boxbuttecounty.us) as official county website, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to set regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, except for September 7 and December 6, 2021 and the second meeting will be held on the third Monday of each month, or the day after, in case of a holiday, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried. Meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Susan Lore moved to set the 2021 holidays, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes. Motion carried.

## HOLIDAYS IN 2021

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| 1. New Years Day      | January 1, 2021   |
| 2. Martin Luther King | January 18, 2021  |
| 3. President's Day    | February 15, 2021 |



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4. Arbor Day	April 30, 2021
5. Memorial Day	May 31, 2021
6. Independence Day	July 5, 2021
7. Labor Day	September 6, 2021
8. Columbus Day	October 11, 2021
9. Veteran's Day	November 11, 2021
10. Thanksgiving	November 25, 2021
11. Day after Thanksgiving	November 26, 2021
12. Christmas Eve	December 24, 2021

Mike McGinnis moved to approve December 21, 2020 minutes as written and emailed, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign payroll/claims as presented, seconded Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 148,514.56; AFLAC 2,230.12; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 563.94; Bank of the West 48,973.41; Box Butte County Treasurer 101,592.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.08; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 26,502.53; St of NE Dept of Revenue 6,970.69; Independent Eye Care Professionals 99.10; Westside Event Center 2,320.00, appreciation dinner. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 37,253.87; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 154.20; Bank of the West 7,102.64; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,230.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 417.19; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child

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Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,356.81; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,648.73; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Willdan Energy Solutions Engineer, Chris Barton, provided closeout information and warranties to the Board. Mr. Barton stated that Willdan has contracted with Mischnick Construction to patch holes that were made during construction for the pipes into offices. Mr. Barton will return in May 2021 for a final walk through and to provide more training with the heating and air conditioner computer system. Mike McGinnis moved allowing for Chairperson Lore to sign the Certificate of Acceptance, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell presented the semi-annual report to the Board for their review. No action taken.

County Attorney Curtiss continued the MAXIMUS cost allocation plan and support indirect cost Agreement 2021-01 to the January 19, 2021 meeting. No action taken.

Karna Hansen provided a road and equipment report, discussing the need for a tractor lease. The 1 & 6 year road hearing has been advertised for February 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

During board reports, the Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended. Chairperson Lore said she will look at the cost of a laptop for the office of building and grounds. Chairman McGinnis stated that Flannel Brothers will remove snow from the sidewalks if there is 1" or more of snow.



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Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book as County Assessor Robinson presented, correcting a personal property and a homestead exemption, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign an application for exemption form 457 for Human Services, Inc, seconded by Steve Burke. County Treasurer Bell had also approved the exemption. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. At 10:05 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk



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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., January 19, 2021, 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, January 7, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on January 6, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, 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, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda, allowing Cody Renkoski to present Noxious Weed Control Plan reports for signatures, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Steve Burke moved to approve the January 7, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Board reports were heard and correspondence was read and available for public view. An email had been sent informing the Board that a new Wildlife Specialist had been hired, and former USDA Wildlife Specialist Randy Benben was present to introduce new Wildlife Specialist Tim Brewer.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented a refund claim in the amount of \$89.28 to Capstone. Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign the claim, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve and allow for Chairperson Lore to sign Sisters of St. Francis application for exemption form 457, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to approve and sign Evangelical Free Church of Alliance application for exemption form 457, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Development Director Chelsie Herian spoke to the Board regarding the development and future purchase of lots in what will become platted as Box Butte Industrial Subdivision. Ms. Herian came before the Board to request 1. Authorizing Ms. Herian to ask for a funding grant and 2. Asking the county for maintenance of a possible platted road. Susan Lore moved to support the project and allow for Box Butte County Development Director Chelsie Herian to sponsor a grant request with Nebraska Department of Roads, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

More discussion followed regarding zoning and the need to hold a joint meeting with the Zoning Board and Board of Commissioners in the near future.

County Attorney Curtiss reported that he had sent a letter to MAXIMUS regarding the proposed cost allocation plan and had not received a response. The MAXIMUS Agreement will be continued to the February 3, 2020 meeting agenda. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Noxious Weed Control Plan, Activity Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster and Budget Report as Weed Superintendent Renkoski presented. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Ms. Lore requested that all reports be provided for the Board's review prior to a meeting in the future.





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Prairie dog management will be an agenda item for the March 3, 2021 board meeting, allowing time to research the county's authority for enforcement. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan and Box Butte Development Corporation Director Herian discussed the proposed plat and the county's responsibility for road maintenance. Steve Burke moved to approve the proposed plat (Lots 1, 2, 3, & 4 Box Butte Industrial Subdivision) in principle only and authorize execution at completion, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Road Superintendent Keegan to advertise for bids for useable product at the Frost Pits, seconded by Steve Burke. Bids will be received until March 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the County Clerk. Accepting or denying bids will be an agenda item for the March 3, 2021 board meeting. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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

Mike McGinnis moved to accept Box Butte County Public Defender Joel E. Burke's letter of resignation, effective immediately, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:58 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners McGinnis, Burke and Lore present. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 11:19 a.m. that had been called for a personnel matter, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., February 3, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, January 20, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on February 1, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Prior to the agenda being accepted, Commissioner McGinnis requested to add an executive session for personnel to the agenda. Steve Burke moved to accept the agenda with the addition of an executive session, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Mike McGinnis moved to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff, and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 127,406.88; AFLAC 2,142.51; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 573.84; Bank of the West 40,884.83; Box Butte County Treasurer 100,284.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.08; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,091.31; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,416.67; Independent Eye Care Professionals 75.04. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 34,245.90; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 154.20; Bank of the West 6,378.88; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,230.00; Credit Management Services Inc 383.90; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,168.35; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,414.57; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign form 451 exemption applications for CAPstone Child Advocacy Center and Habitat for Humanity, that County Assessor Robinson had approved, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book, correcting a mobile home, homestead exemption and Hemingford American Legion, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to sign a tax refund claim payable to the Hemingford American Legion Post 9 in the amount of \$1,595.62, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign form 457 application for exemptions for Calvary Assembly of God Church, Senior Services Inc, Sisters of St. Francis, Denver, Colorado, that County Treasurer had approved, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:29 a.m., Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

NE Strong Recovery Project representative Carolyn Annen provided information on assistance coping during a pandemic and informed the Board that February 17, 2021 is "random act of kindness day" helping create a community of hope and support during these challenging times with random acts of kindness. No action taken.



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County Attorney Curtiss reported that he had sent a letter to MAXIMUS regarding the proposed cost allocation plan and had not received a response. The MAXIMUS Agreement will be continued to the February 16, 2021 meeting agenda. No action taken.

The Board and Building and Grounds employee Lori White discussed the need to repair or replace the courthouse building elevator. Ms. White is to gather pricing for elevator repairs. Chairperson Lore will contact Architect Jerry Berggren for information on the building's historical status. No action taken.

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Commissioner Lore will contact NIRMA for safety committee information. No action taken.

Mike Bateman from Murphy Tractor was present informing the Board that their company had a good supply of used motor graders available at this time. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan will contact rock pit owners for availability. 1 & 6 year road plan hearing has been advertised for February 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Title VI policy updates will be an agenda item for March 15, 2021. Road Districts were discussed with more information to be discussed during the February 16, 2021 meeting.

Mike McGinnis moved to add Commissioners Lore, McGinnis and Burke along with Road Superintendent Keegan as authorized representatives for Nebraska Federal Surplus Property, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Susan Lore to lease a 2021 New Holland tractor from Alliance Tractor and Implement at \$13.00 per engine hour. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Bids for aggregate hauling will be received in the office of the County Clerk until 1:00 p.m., March 12, 2021, at which time the County Clerk will publicly open such bids. Accepting or rejecting hauling bids will be an agenda item on the March 15, 2021 agenda. Armor coat application bids will be received in the office of the County Clerk until 1:15 p.m., March 12, 2021, at which time the County Clerk will publicly open such bids. Accepting or rejecting application bids will be an agenda item on March 15, 2021. Bids for screening at Prochazka pit will be received in the office of the County Clerk until 9:15 a.m., April 2, 2021, at which time the County Clerk will publicly open such bids. Accepting or rejecting application bids will be an agenda item on the April 7, 2021 agenda.

Chairman Lore recessed at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman Lore resumed the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore present.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 12:05 p.m. to discuss a potential tort claim, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were Commissioners, County Attorney and County Clerk. At 12:07 p.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss a potential tort claim, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

At 12:08 p.m., Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session that he had added to the agenda to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners and County Attorney present during executive session. Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session at 12:20 p.m., that had been called to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.





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Chairperson Lore excused herself from the meeting at 12:22 p.m., with Commissioners McGinnis and Burke conducting a jail visit and to view repairs that are needed in the jail. At 12:55 p.m., Commissioners McGinnis and Burke returned from the jail visit.

Vice-chairman McGinnis adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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Chairman

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Steve Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign a \$1,709.77 refund to American Legion Post No. 9, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss reported that he had sent an email to MAXIMUS regarding the cost allocation plan and title IV-D child support indirect cost rates and had not received a response. MAXIMUS Agreement 2021-01 will be added to the March 15, 2021 agenda. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke allowing Chairperson Lore to sign an allocation letter identifying Willdan Group, Inc as the designer of the energy saving building improvements pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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

Mike McGinnis moved to approve a conflict claim for Commissioner Burke, reimbursing for Nebraska Association of County Officials dues and subscriptions, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, abstained; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation (Agreement 2021-03), seconded by Susan Lore. The agreement will cover budget years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 at a cost of \$3,250.00 each budget year plus mileage and supplies. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan presented a road and equipment report. Fuel consumption during the extreme cold temperatures was discussed, along with fuel costs. Steve Burke moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Agreement Between M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc and Box Butte County for Professional Services for Engineering Services for Asphalt Overlay on Otoe Road from CR 72 to Hwy 385. (Agreement 2021-02), seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



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County Attorney Curtiss provided information and state statutes on the formation of rural road improvement districts. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed and stating that the 1 & 6 year road hearing will begin at 1:00 p.m., Chairperson Lore recessed at 11:35 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., Chairperson Lore resumed the board meeting, with roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present.

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Mike McGinnis moved to open the 1 & 6 year road hearing at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore informed the public that the hearing would remain open for an hour and those wishing to speak would need to state their name(s). Ms. Lore turned the hearing over to Road Superintendent Keegan. Following Ms. Keegan informing the public that all notices had been published and proof of publication was received, maps were provided and projects were described. Projects for the 1-year plan and those on the 6-year plan were discussed. Those members of the public speaking were Roger Rohrbouck, Dan Fillis, Jim Jelinek, Trabor Bauer, Doug Hashman and Dan Morrison. Other road topics discussed were that the county will pay for rock if someone hauls it to a location, possible hauling river gravel from the Valley, and holes needing to be repaired in chip seal roads. County Attorney Curtiss excused himself from the hearing at 1:55 p.m. More discussion during the hearing regarding West Otoe road, with Commissioners stating that they had signed an agreement earlier in the day with M.C. Schaff & Associates for Engineering Services on West Otoe Road.

Mike McGinnis moved to close the 1 & 6 year road hearing at 2:25 p.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to adopt the One and Six Year Road Improvement Program for Box Butte County, Nebraska Resolution 2021-01. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Susan Lore moved to accept the agenda with amended agenda items added by County Treasurer Bell and County Sheriff Mowry, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no public comment on agenda items, Steve Burke moved to accept February 17, 2021 minutes as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court monthly report, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Panhandle Partnership, Inc representatives Sandi Morava and Robyn Iossi came before the Board to ask for support and approval of the four-year Comprehensive Juvenile Services Community Plan. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Panhandle Partnership, Inc and Box Butte County Board of Commissioners. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore has concerns regarding the pass through of grant funds, Sandi Morava will contact Jessica Svoboda, Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant Administrator, in order to establish correct guidelines for routing the funding.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book with one correction as presented by Deputy Assessor Elkins, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Indian Mission Church of God Application for Exemption Form 457, that County Treasurer Val Bell had approved, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Added to the agenda, 3:00 p.m., March 2, 2021: County Sheriff Tammy Mowry came before the Board to request that payment be made in the amount of \$29,910 for a 2021 Dodge Crew Cab 4X4. Sheriff Mowry had ordered the vehicle and repairs needed to be done before possession could occur. Sheriff Mowry said that Alliance Motors had told her the repairs should be OK. Since the purchase of a vehicle was not in the County Sheriff budget (651) it was necessary for Sheriff Mowry to request that the Board allow for the purchase out of County Miscellaneous budget (970). Steve Burke moved to allow payment from the Miscellaneous fund to pay for the vehicle during March claims, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



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Added to the agenda 8:45 a.m., March 1, 2021: County Treasurer Val Bell presented the March 1, 2021 tax sale listing to the Board, stating that the use of the Eagles Building was well received and that she will include rent of the Eagles hall in the 2021-2022 budget request. No action taken.

The need to control prairie dog colonies and the costs involved were discussed. The Sheridan County, NE black tailed prairie dog management act resolution was discussed. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept Mobius Business Services proposal to install access points for wireless connectivity at a cost of \$6,776.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing chairman Lore to sign Mobius acceptance contract, seconded by

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Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGinnis will contact carpet installers for proposals to have carpet squares installed in order to complete the courthouse renovation project. Proposals will be a March 15, 2021 agenda item. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session at 10:40 a.m. for a personnel matter, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were Commissioners Lore, McGinnis, Burke, Deputy County Attorney Marissa Curtiss and Road Superintendent Barb Keegan. At 11:10 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided road and equipment report. Commissioner McGinnis stated that the Board will pursue financing for the West Otoe Road project. Road Superintendent Keegan had received two request for proposal (RFP) for fuel and awarded to WESTCO for \$2.195 per gallon. Chairperson Lore asked Road Superintendent Keegan to return the unopened envelope that had been left at the County Clerk's office to Panhandle Coop along with the instruction sheet.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 119,337.07; AFLAC 2,142.51; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 563.94; Bank of the West 38,030.58; Box Butte County Treasurer 100,284.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 232.08; NE Child Support Payment Center 219.16; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,745.11; St of NE Dept of Revenue 4,924.58; Independent Eye Care Professionals 75.04. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 38,421.27; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 174.20; Bank of the West 7,032.53; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,230.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 5.44; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,387.20; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,593.01; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., March 15, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, March 3, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on March 12, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Susan Lore moved to excuse Commissioner Steve Burke, due to the weather, seconded by Mike McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes; Burke, absent. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, absent; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no public comment on agenda items, Mike McGinnis moved to accept March 3, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, absent; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No elected official's reports or correspondence and board reports were heard.

County Attorney Curtiss has not received a response from MAXIMUS regarding the cost allocation plan and title IV-D child support indirect costs rate agreement. Mr. Curtiss will continue to follow up and will add to an agenda when necessary. No action taken.

Commissioner McGinnis had contacted Bruce Furniture and Morford's Decorating Center Inc. for quotes to install carpet squares on all three floors of the county courthouse building. Bruce Furniture corrected quote for materials and labor: \$34,600.00; Morford's Decorating Center, Inc: \$52,475.00. Mike McGinnis moved to accept Bruce Furniture's quote of \$34,600.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, absent; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Lore to sign Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment proposal to furnish the materials and perform the labor to remove and replace 27 existing smoke detectors, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, absent; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Advertising for the public defender position will continue in the NACO classified, with suggestion that the position be advertised in the Bar Association Magazine, and possibly the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. No action taken.

As part of office reports, Building and Grounds employee Lori White discussed with the Board the need for a backup system on the new Samsung heating/cooling system. An extension on the warranty was discussed. No action taken.

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

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided the updated ADA, LEP Title VI policy for the Board's review. The policy must be in place in order to receive federal fund dollars. Possible purchase of a motor grader was discussed along with remaining fiscal year budget.

Mike McGinnis moved to award aggregate hauling bids to K4 Trucking, seconded by Susan Lore. Bids had been received from Phillips F&T, K4 Trucking, Ron's S&T, Berg Trucking LLC and MCT. Burke, absent; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



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Armor coat application bids had been received from Topkote and Figgins. Susan Lore moved to award the bid to Topkote, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, absent; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., April 7, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, March 24, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on April 5, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Mike McGinnis moved to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 127,964.56; AFLAC 2,142.51; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 573.94; Bank of the West 41,360.35; Box Butte County Treasurer 100,388.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 235.38; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,423.50; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,540.04; Independent Eye Care Professionals 75.04. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 41,968.86; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 174.20; Bank of the West 8,030.67; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 408.11; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,618.67; St of NE Department of Revenue 1,897.00; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

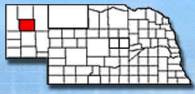
Susan Lore moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and Chairperson Lore reported that warranties with Willdan for renovations will be addressed in the near future.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Habitat for Humanity of Box Butte County exemption application form 451, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book as County Assessor Robinson presented, with four corrections, one manufactured home and three homestead exception corrections. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to sign Resolution 2021-02, transfer of funds in the amount of \$38,046.00 from General Fund 625 Public Defender to General Fund 630 District Court. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2021-03 opposing the federal government's 30X30 land preservation goal, with corrections as directed by County Attorney Curtiss, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-04 directing the addition of accounting code number 2580 to identify the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



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In anticipation of COVID American Rescue Plan funds that will be deposited in the Fund 2580, the Board and County Treasurer Bell discussed the interest that would be accumulated from the COVID Rescue Plan. Susan Lore moved allowing all interest earned in Fund 2580 to remain in Fund 2580, instead of depositing interest from Fund 2580 to General Fund 100, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Treasurer Bell stated that COVID funds will be deposited in Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT). Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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Steve Burke moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign MAXIMUS Agreement 2021-01 cost allocation plan and title IV-D child support indirect cost rates, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board that he had received the information needed from Triangle Electric and KL Wood and will proceed with the city for reimbursement of curb/gutter and streetlight work. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, asking to go out for used motor grader bids. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 a.m., May 10, 2021 in the office of the County Clerk and will be publicly opened at that time. Bids will be awarded or rejected at the May 17, 2021 board meeting.

One bid for rock screening had been received and opened at 9:15 a.m., April 2, 2021. Steve Burke moved to award the aggregate screening bid to Kustom Rock at \$5.66 per ton, with insurance requirements met and the board extended the bid to 20,000 ton, with 5,000 ton within 90 days of notification, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, no. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., April 19, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, April 14, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on April 16, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Steve Burke moved to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official's reports, the Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book as County Assessor presented with one mobile home correction. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to sign a claim form refunding \$258.58 to Betty Rowley for a homestead correction, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The Board acknowledged receiving Cheema Investments, LLC Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission appeal and is not in favor of a single commissioner hearing and will request a three person appeal board. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Westside Event Center owner Tori McVicker came before the Board to request the county's approval for six special designated liquor licenses for upcoming events. Steve Burke moved to approve the request and allow Chairperson Lore to sign the special designated liquor license request applications, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to reappoint Carolyn Jones as the community representative to the Board of the Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD), for a 3-year term. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and County Attorney Terry Curtiss provided updates on possible dispatch services. Commissioner Burke stated that the 911 Board will be meeting on April 28, 2021. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided an equipment and road report. Mike McGinnis moved to declare a 1993 JD 770BH motor grader and the 1980 Ford LNT 9000 as surplus equipment to be sold within the next 45 days, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 9:45 a.m., to discuss personnel, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Executive session included Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, Lore, Road Superintendent Keegan and County Attorney Curtiss. At 9:55 a.m. Susan Lore moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.





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Having reviewed the Aging Office of Western Nebraska (AOWN) updated Articles of Incorporation, Mike McGinnis moved to accept the updated articles of incorporation and allowing the Chairperson to sign a resolution stating that Box Butte County has accepted the updated Articles of Incorporation for Aging Office of Western Nebraska if AOWN provides a resolution for signature to the County of Box Butte, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner McGinnis had added fiscal year 2021-2022 budget discussion to the agenda, stating that he would like to keep budgets with no more than 1.5% increase in operating line and 1.5% in salary line in all budgets. County Attorney Curtiss advised the Board that the Public Defender budget will need guidance in preparation due to the amount of court appointed attorneys at this time. No action taken.

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

Mike McGinnis moved to approve a conflict claim for Commissioner Steve Burke in the amount of \$61.60 for mileage, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore recessed at 10:40 a.m., allowing the Commissioners to make a quarterly visit to the county jail as required in 47-109.

At 11:07 a.m., Vice-Chairperson McGinnis resumed the meeting in the Board room with roll call: Burke, present; McGinnis, present; Lore, absent.

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

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., May 5, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, April 28, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on May 3, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items, although agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting, NE Rev.Stat. 84-1411 (e). Mike McGinnis moved to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved to accept and sign County Sheriff and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Val Bell had recommended Holy Rosary Community application for exemption to be approved. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the exemption form 457, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

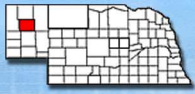
Board members reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Discussing with the Board differences between Big Iron and Purple Wave. She was informed by the Board to use the company she felt would provide for the best income for the County. Motor grader bids will be received in the office of the County Clerk until 9:00 a.m., May 10, 2021, and will be publicly opened. Accepting or rejecting any or all bids will be an agenda item for the May 17, 2021 meeting.

Mike McGinnis moved to table indefinitely a memo of understanding with the City regarding combined dispatch services until the memo of understanding is written, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved allowing Commissioner McGinnis to purchase a new 30 foot hurricane grade flag pole for the courthouse property not to exceed \$5,000.00 including installation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Lore, McGinnis and Burke acting as the County Weed Control Authority Board, discussed the Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program reports and requirements. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the Box Butte County Reports and Requirements Summary, requesting that Weed Superintendent Cody Renkoski obtain his continuing education and complete his office evaluation as soon as possible, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The report will be forwarded to Mr.



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Renkoski for his signature and returned to Tim Stortz, 307 Nobes St., Holdrege, NE. The Commissioners asked County Clerk Messersmith to forward the correspondence that had been received from Maurice Smith regarding a prairie dog hunt.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 128,453.67; AFLAC 2,142.51; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 573.94; Bank of the West 41,115.26; Box Butte County Treasurer 100,388.00; Credit Management Services Inc 243.83; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 235.38; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,114.54; State of NE Dept of Revenue 5,592.71; Independent Eye Care Professionals 75.04. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 36,892.15; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 6,985.04; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 408.47; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,314.68; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,559.55; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

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With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., May 17, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, May 12, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on May 14, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Steve Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Mike McGinnis moved to approve the May 7, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly report, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Steve Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Val Bell had recommended Iglesia Bethel de Asambleas De Dio application for exemption to be approved. Susan Lore moved to approve exemption form 457, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Advertised dates for Board of Equalization Hearings will be June 21, 2021 beginning 1:30 p.m.; 9:00 a.m. July 7, 2021; 9 a.m. July 8, 2021; 9 a.m. July 12, 2021. Decisions on hearings will be advertised for 11:00 a.m., July 19, 2021. Susan Lore moved to deny Hemingford Development Company Exemption Application Form 451, as application was not completed correctly and there had been no request for waiver, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book, with three name corrections in Section 3, Township 24, Range 48, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign a mobile home acceleration correction, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:46 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Regional Care Inc. Amendment Number 4 The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided information to the Board on the ten motor grader bids received and publicly opened 9:00 a.m., May 10, 2021. Representatives from NMC and Murphy Tractor & Equipment were present to answer any questions regarding the equipment. Vice-Chairperson McGinnis questioned purchasing two motor graders. Susan Lore moved to purchase a 2015 CAT 12M3 at a cost of \$169,343.53 and a 2016 John Deere 672G at a cost of \$165,350.00, with purchases to be paid out of County Inheritance Fund. Allowing for the Road Department to establish a 4-year payment schedule with repayments to the County Inheritance Fund beginning in the 21-22 fiscal year, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, no; Lore, yes.

During the regular road and equipment report, Susan Lore moved to declare equipment number 2200 John Deere grader surplus, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Bell reported that Wi-fi had been established in county offices, allowing for zoom meetings. County Attorney Curtiss warned that Wi-fi is not for employee's personal use. No action taken.



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Box Butte County Clerk Messersmith reported on the recent NACO County Budget Workshop that had been held in North Platte, informing the Board of any recent changes in legislation, including hearing requirements and levy asking and a summary of the official budget forms that must be submitted. No action taken.

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

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With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., June 2, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, May 19, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website on May 28, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the title of the 1980 Ford dump truck, that had been declared surplus and will be sold by Big Iron, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve May 17, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Steve Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no correspondence, Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Rhonda Swanson, Manager of Hemingford Development Corporation Wheatridge Court and board member, Marla Wade came before the Board with questions regarding exempt status for Wheatridge Court. County Attorney Curtiss provided information regarding not for profit 501(c), informing Ms. Swanson and Ms. Wade that the organization needs to apply for not for profit status to the IRS, proving by laws and articles of incorporation. Ms. Swanson and Ms. Wade thanked the Board for the information and will contact a CPA for assistance in order to move forward to becoming exempt status. No action taken. County Assessor Robinson presented the correction book, correcting three 2019 tax year homestead exemptions. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to sign a \$332.21 claim for John Potmesil correcting real estate taxes, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor and the Board discussed using a screen to project information during protest hearings, with County Attorney Curtiss explaining the need to have hard copies of the protest form 422 and a hard copy of the property record card. No action taken. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Robinson explained to the Board the need to replace the server for the county that supports the offices of the County Clerk, County Treasurer and County Assessor. Mike McGinnis moved to replace the 8-year old server not to exceed a total cost of \$10,000, seconded by Susan Lore. Following discussion that the \$10,000 would not include the cost of installation, mileage and server, Mike McGinnis then moved to rescind his motion and Susan Lore rescinded her second. County Treasurer Val Bell contacted MIPS and was informed that the cost would not exceed \$17,500 for installation, mileage and server. Mike McGinnis then moved to allocate up to \$17,500.00 for an upgrade of the server,



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including mileage and installation from MIPS out of Lincoln, NE, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Robinson requested a new office countertop, cabinet and gate for the Assessor's office. She also requested safety glass. Ms. Robinson was told to get estimates and bring back to the Board. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to replace the 4' X 3' cabinet piece at the end of the filing cabinets in the Clerk's office, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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Chairperson Lore stated that the stairwells between the jail and courthouse must be cleared of all materials by June 9, 2021. An inspection from the State Fire Marshall informed County Sheriff Mowry that the stairwells must be free of all items being stored there. All offices are to remove any items presently stored in the stairwells.

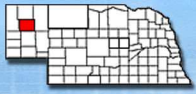
Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to approve and sign monthly claims and payroll. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net payroll: 134,087.96; AFLAC 2,103.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 563.94; Bank of the West 42,771.57; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,210.00; Credit Management Services Inc 245.67; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 228.10; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,366.21; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,913.44; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD** Net payroll: 35,588.83; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 6,749.13; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services Inc 387.59; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,237.53; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,482.51; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., June 21, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, June 9, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members on June 20, 2021, and posted on the county's website June 21, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Steve Burke moved to accept the agenda, tabling the proposal for new courthouse sign, as an incorrect proposal had been sent to Maintenance and Building employee, Jeane Warfield, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Mike McGinnis moved to approve June 2, 2021 minutes, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly report seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and board reports were heard.

Box Butte County Ag Society member Jeff Schumacher came before the Board to request approval for a special designated liquor license. The request is for the Box Butte County Fair, August 4-8, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to midnight each day. Also requested signing form 140, waiver for double fencing. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Lore to sign the requested forms once completed by the Ag Society, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book, correcting one mobile home acceleration, as presented by County Assessor Robinson, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor provided a list of board notices correcting real property that had been over or under valued and needed to be corrected. Steve Burke moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the board notices, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

David Randolph had provided a form 425 report of destroyed real property for the Board's approval. Fire had totally destroyed his residence located on lot 3, block 1, Haas Addition, Hemingford, NE. Mike McGinnis moved to leave the land at \$10,500, the current valuation and buildings (carport and storage shed) at \$17,790, seconded by Steve Burke. Following discussion, Mike McGinnis moved to amend his motion to lower building valuation to \$10,970 and Steve Burke amended his second to agree with the lower valuation.

Current Valuation:	Land	10,500	Reassessment Value:	Land	10,500
	Buildings	265,510		Buildings	10,970
	Total	276,010		Total	21,470

Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:38 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. No action taken.



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Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign Resolution 2021-05 transferring \$4,648.95 to the Veteran's Aid Fund for van mileage used during fiscal year 20-21, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign Resolution 2021-06 closing Visitors Promotion, Visitor Improvement, Relief/Medical, Traffic Diversion, Multi County Drug Enforcement and Noxious Weed Sinking funds, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife District Supervisor Jerry Feist and Wildlife Specialist Tim Brewer discussed with the Board

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the 2021-2022 Work/Financial Plan (\$20,756.78) between Box Butte County and USDA and the 5-year Cooperative Service Agreement between Box Butte County and USDA. Mr. Feist discussed the number of counties and hours the wildlife specialist is working along with a summary of species killed and loss of livestock. The Commissioners were concerned that Mr. Brewer's services are provided to counties outside of the four counties contracting his services. Mr. Feist said that the additional counties will not be served by Mr. Brewer. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign 2021-2022 Work/Financial Plan Agreement 2021-04, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to sign Cooperative Service Agreement 2021-05, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 1:30 p.m., June 21, 2021, 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 publications are June 9 & 23, 2021, in the Alliance Times Herald and June 10, 2021, in the Ledger, an agenda was emailed to the Board on June 20, 2021. Chairperson Susan Lore called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., with roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore. The Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the Board Room was acknowledged.

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

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Richard Otto, John Burke read into record, heard from Mark Chu, Stephanie Burskirk, James Penny, Patrick Przymus, Nicholas Paradeis, Tom Broeder, Todd M. Wells, Roberta Rudden and Russell Lemunyan.

Chairperson Lore adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., July 7, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, June 23, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us, July 2, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda, with the addition of the County Treasurer's semi-annual report, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve minutes, seconded by Steve Burke. Prior to vote, Mike McGinnis amended his motion, Steve Burke amended his second to reflect the approval of two sets of minutes: Book N - Page 2021-12 and Book N – Page 2021-13. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Board members reported on any recent meetings they had attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 129,473.53; Accelerated Receivables 465.49; AFLAC 2,103.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 548.06; Bank of the West 41,699.41; Box Butte County Treasurer 100,306.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services Inc 256.42; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 231.40; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,404.94; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,656.84; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 39,726.32; AFLAC 299.78; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 7,530.45; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 388.26; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,387.40; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,710.02; Independent Eye Care Professionals 3.80.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Steve Burke moved to approve and allow Chairperson Lore to sign the Alliance Chamber of Commerce Exemption Application Form 451 that County Assessor Robinson had approved, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. At 9:30 a.m., Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Bubba's Bar & Grill LLC owner Amy Honstein came before the Board to request a special designated license (SDL) approval for a reception to be held August 14, 2021 at 7551 Johnson Road #2, Hemingford, NE. Steve Burke moved to approve and allow for Chairperson Lore to sign the SDL application, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. With vendors recommending that bids for tractor rental for next summer be allowed at this time, the Board encouraged Road Superintendent Keegan to go out for 2022 tractor rental informal bids.



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The Board discussed the West Otoe Road project and at this time, invoices will be paid out of the County Inheritance Fund in order to track costs for repayment from the Road Fund to Inheritance Fund in the future. Ms. Keegan stated that she will bring the MC Schaff \$21,753.00 invoice to the Clerk's office for coding prior to July claims.

Roger Dean Schledewitz has requested to vacate a part of CR 66. County Attorney Curtiss explained the process to vacate a road, that Mr. Schledewitz can ask for a hearing date and the Board can direct Road Superintendent to do a road study. Susan Lore moved to direct Road Superintendent Keegan to do a study on CR 66 from Grant Road south and 1.5 miles (to mid-part of the section line between Section 11 and 12, Township 26, Range 49), and between SE1/4 Section 2 and NE1/4 Section 11, Township 26, Range 49 ( ½ mile), seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The road study will be an agenda item for the July 19, 2021 meeting.

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Susan Lore moved to table decisions on disposal of the former transit vehicles the City of Alliance had been using until the Board has received more information for disposal from the Nebraska Department of Vehicles, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Commissioner McGinnis will contact Nebraska Department of Transportation for direction in order to dispose of the vehicles.

Building and Grounds employee Jeane Warfield had contacted several sign companies for a sign above the courthouse front doors and TRI CITY Sign Company provided a proposal in the amount of \$8,500.00. The sign will have the lettering BOX BUTTE COUNTY along with the street number 515. Ms. Warfield said the company will waive the mileage charge if the sign can be installed in September when the company will be installing another sign locally. Mike McGinnis moved to purchase the sign from TRI CITY at a cost of \$8,500.00, seconded by Susan Lore. Payment will be issued out of County Building Fund. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners asked County Clerk Messersmith to send a memo to all courthouse offices, with instructions not to open any windows in the courthouse building for two months allowing the new HVAC system to self adjust.

Added to the agenda was County Treasurer Val Bell to present the semi-annual report as required. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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Chairman

County Clerk



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BOOK **O** PAGE **2021 - 15**

Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 1:30 p.m., July 7, 2021, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE, with roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Notice of Property Protest Hearings were published June 9 & 23, 2021, in the Alliance Times Herald and June 10, 2021, in the Ledger, an agenda was emailed to the Board and posted on the county's website boxbuttecounty.us on July 2, 2021. Mike McGinnis moved, Steve Burke seconded the approval of the agenda. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Chairperson Lore acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the Board Room.

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

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Josh Dean, read into record; Robert Planansky, read into record; heard from Dan Morrison; Marta Fritzler; Steven and Roxanne Weimer; Marlyn Wilcox, Norman Anderson, Daniel Anderson. Chairperson Lore excused herself from the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Heard from Brett Lauder; Robert Arraj; Larry Intermill.

Vice-Chairman Mike McGinnis recessed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:40 p.m, and will be resumed at 9:00 a.m., July 8, 2012.

Chairperson Susan Lore resumed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:00 a.m., July 8, 2021. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore present.

Property valuation forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Creston M. Myers; Furman Holdings, James Furman; Brice Kaufman, Susan Lore authorized by Marceen Webb; Michael Colson; Jeff and Cara Kammerer read into record; Colleen O'Neill regarding Michael O'Neill property, read into record; heard from John Annen; Ronald Hucke; Terrell Lore; Lance Dye; Lynn Loudon; Sandilly Inc by Dave McVicker; Janelle Visser; Darrell Campbell; Don & Carolyn Anglesey; Thomas and Betty Sabala via telephone; Andrew Hickox.

Chairperson Lore called recess at 12:25 p.m.

Chairperson Susan Lore resumed BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:28 p.m., with roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present.

Property valuation forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Richard Collins, James Collins and Mike Collins; Michael Dale Johnson; Edward Heilman, Ben Clarke; Bulldog Inc., by Jay Dubs; Sara Blumanthal; Larry Grimes; Jessica Manion; and Roger Bakkehaug read into record.

Chairperson Lore adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:15 p.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk



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Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 9:00 a.m., July 12, 2021, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Chairperson Susan Lore opened BOARD OF EQUALIZATION with roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, with the only agenda item being property valuation protests, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Notice of Property Protest Hearings were published June 9 & 23, 2021, in the Alliance Times Herald and June 10, 2021, in the Ledger, an agenda was emailed to the Board and posted on the county's website [boxbuttecounty.us](http://boxbuttecounty.us) on July 2, 2021. Chairperson Lore acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the Board Room.

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

Property valuation forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Michael Collins; Syndicate Block by Dan Dickinson; Diane K. Olson read into record; heard from Jay Greve; Arnold Wood; Donald Cler; Becki Heusman; Patricia Klemke; Lenora Johnson; Wayne and Amanda Knote, read into record; DMA (1<sup>st</sup> National Bank) read into record: heard from Tod Thies; Western Sugar Cooperative via telephone with Stephen Stewart; and Georeg Gurnett (Bomgaars read into record).

Chairperson Susan Lore adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 11:30 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., July 19, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, July 7, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us, July 19, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Chairperson Lore asked to remove closed session agenda item, Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda, with the removal of the closed session, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Book O Page 2021-14; 2021-15; 2021-16 minutes, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no elected officials reports, the Board acknowledged office reports and correspondence, and reported on any recent meetings they had attended.

Box Butte County Agriculture Society Members Jake Frost and Ron Henzler along with Kristi Dietrich, CPA, came before the Board. Mr. Frost and Mr. Henzler provided an \$80,000 list of projects the Ag Society would like for capital improvements. With the 4-H building roof at a cost of \$40,000, being their first priority. Kristi Dietrich, CPA provided a draft copy of the 2021-2022 budget, showing a property tax request for General Fund in the amount of \$75,503.10 and adding \$40,000 to the sinking fund, with a total tax request of \$115,503.10. Chairperson Lore stated that requests will be taken in consideration as the Board works on the 2021-2022 fiscal budget year. No action taken.

Susan Lore moved to table signing IRS tax form 720 Part II (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Fee) until County Attorney Curtiss has consulted with the County Auditor Jim Gardner, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Michelle Robinson provided two estimates from Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders for building a desk and gate into the Assessor's office. No action taken.

Roger Schledewitz was present to answer any questions regarding the road right of way abandonment/vacation of 1300-1450 CR66 and 6600-6650 Hall Road study provided by Road Superintendent Barb Keegan. Mike McGinnis moved to sign a resolution setting a public hearing for the right of way abandonment/vacation at 9:30 a.m., August 16, 2021, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Lore called recess at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman Lore resumed the meeting at 11:00 a.m., with roll call Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore present.

Mike McGinnis moved to open as Board of Equalization at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book as presented by County Assessor Robinson, corrected one personal property, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore read the Assessor's recommendation for property valuation changes and as Board of Equalization, the Commissioners acted on the following:





Richard T. Otto (070008027) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 12,978; Buildings 301,125; Total 314,103.

John Burke (070185964) Susan Lore moved to lower valuation to Mr. Burke's request due to costing changes, and the lack of correct cost calculation, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 31,338; Buildings 120,000; Total 151,338.

Mark Chu (070194750) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 22,300 Buildings 396,395; Total 418,695.

Stephanie Buskirk (070010935) After testimony & evidence presented of a recent appraisal or sale, Mike McGinnis moved, to lower the valuation, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,514; Buildings 218,486; Total 225,000.

James L & Gerry L Penny (070073325) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 17,300; Buildings 35,135; Total 52,435.

Patrick A. Przyamus (070091242) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 23,350; Buildings 165,745; Total 189,095.

Nicholas J. Paradeis (070197415) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 22,725; Buildings 427,605; Total 450,330.

Tom & Rebecca Broeder TTE (070127417) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 28,000; Buildings 41,910; Total 69,910.

Todd M. Wells (070018731) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,985; Buildings 68,837; Total 74,822.

Roberta P. Rudden (070020256) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,237; Buildings 100,763; Total 107,000.

Russell K. Lemunyan (070084653) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 27,800; Buildings 147,780; Total 175,580.

Robert Planansky (070018243) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 3,705; Buildings 57,637; Total 61,342.



Joshua M. Dean (070177090) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 21,000; Buildings 269,704; Total 290,704.

Dan L. Morrison (070053820) Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 18,500; Buildings 114,710; Total 133,210.

Marta Fritzler (070112053) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 66,959; Buildings 32,240; Total 99,199.

Steven L. & Roxanne M. Weimer (070022798) Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 7,501; Buildings 273,835; Total 281,336.

Marlyn & Ellen Wilcox (070091366) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,167; Buildings 1,635; Total 14,802.

Marlyn & Ellen Wilcox (070091544) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 9,979; Buildings 0; Total 9,979.

Marlyn & Ellen Wilcox (070091447) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,167; Buildings 25,490; Total 38,657.

Norman H. Anderson (070097968) Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 116,018; Buildings 0; Total 116,018.

Daniel K. Anderson (070021961) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 4,239; Buildings 135,725; Total 139,964.

Daniel K. Anderson (070248265) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 38,857; Buildings 0; Total 38,857.

Brett Lauder (070009376) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,950; Buildings 36,050; Total 42,000.

Robert Arraj (070015783) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 28,000; Buildings 24,650; Total 52,650.



Larry Intermill (070079536) Mike McGinnis moved to raise the valuation after receiving information at the protest hearing, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 395,271; Buildings 0; Total 395,271.

Larry Intermill (070079544) Susan Lore moved to raise the valuation after receiving information at the protest hearing, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 440,665; Buildings 21,065; Total 461,730.

Larry Intermill (070079331) Susan Lore moved to raise the valuation after receiving information at the protest hearing, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 535,669; Buildings 0; Total 535,669.

Creston M. Myers (070001561) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 14,625; Buildings 212,175; Total 226,800.

Furman Holdings LLC (070049580) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 15,750; Buildings 223,405; Total 239,155.

James W. Furman (070049599) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,000; Buildings 186,560; Total 199,560.

Brice Kaufman (070194858) Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,658; Buildings 43,185; Total 56,843.

Marceen Webb (070001898) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, abstain. Motion carried. Land 4,604; Buildings 50,396; Total 55,000.

Michael D. Colson (070080879) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 148,104; Buildings 51,896; Total 200,000.

Jeff & Cara Kammerer (070139407) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,167; Buildings 39,210; Total 52,377.

Colleen O'Neill (070091404) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,167; Buildings 935; Total 14,102.

John Annen (070076731) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,985; Buildings 1,855; Total 7,840.



Ronald Huckle (070192448) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 21,625; Buildings 54,880; Total 76,505.

Ronald Huckle (070078874) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 0; Buildings 23,170; Total 23,170.

Lance & Roberta Dye (070072787) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 152,699; Buildings 134,420; Total 287,119.

Terrell Lore (070150052) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Although, the last name is the same, Chairperson Lore did not abstain as the relationship is very distant. Motion carried. Buildings 25,490.

Lynn L. Loudon (070204099) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 77,867; Buildings 46,295; Total 124,162.

Sandilly Inc. (070046972) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 36,576; Buildings 406,370; Total 442,946.

Janelle A. Visser (070108315) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 2,450; Buildings 96,826; Total 99,276.

Darrell L. & Gay D. Campbell (070100446) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 162,460; Buildings 97,990; Total 260,450.

Darrell & Gay Campbell (070103208) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 232,329; Buildings 38,020; Total 270,349.

Don C. & Carolyn A. Anglesey (070053340) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 25,750; Buildings 146,695; Total 172,445.

Thomas & Betty J. Sabala (070111898) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 15,775; Buildings 142,740; Total 158,515.

Thomas & Betty J. Sabala (070155232) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 0; Buildings 4,750; Total 4,750.



Andrew Hickox (070073090) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 14,321; Buildings 280,265; Total 294,586.

Richard L. & Rose M. Collins (070085358) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 48,991; Buildings 225,940; Total 274,931.

Michael Dale & Paulette Sue Johnson (070099871) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 21,500; Buildings 97,425; Total 118,925.

Edward Heilman (070143420) Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 22,075; Buildings 115,770; Total 137,845.

Ben & Traci Clarke (070053383) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 13,675; Buildings 182,640; Total 196,315.

Bulldog, Inc. (070045577) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 56,107; Buildings 48,893; Total 105,000.

Sara Blumanthal (B & B Investments, LLC) (070227594) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 0; Buildings 8,567; Total 8,567.

Sara Blumanthal (B & B Investments, LLC) (070245282) Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 0; Buildings 10,003; Total 10,003.

Sara Blumanthal (B & B Investments, LLC) (070214700) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 0; Buildings 500; Total 500.

Larry & Vickie Grimes (070157618) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 18,250; Buildings 209,215; Total 227,465.

Boone & Jessica Manion (070102112) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 32,338; Buildings 115,685; Total 148,023.

Boone & Jessica Manion (070106673) Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 29,918; Buildings 468,530; Total 498,448.





Roger E. Bakkehaug (070111979) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 10,920; Buildings 146,915; Total 157,835.

Michael E. Collins (70054088) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 295,787; Buildings 69,105; Total 365,892.

Michael E. Collins (070193258) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 15,400; Buildings 207,070; Total 222,470.

Syndicate Block Company, LLC (070208506) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 613,107; Buildings 70,580; Total 683,687.

Syndicate Block Company, LLC (070208603) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 824,924; Buildings 92,625; Total 917,549.

Diane K. Olson (070108196) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 7,980; Buildings 54,168; Total 62,148.

Diane K. Olson (070097798) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 37,348; Buildings 60,605; Total 97,953.

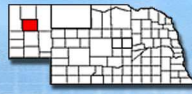
Jay R. Greve (070127166) Susan Lore moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 14,800; Buildings 153,145; Total 167,945.

Arnold B. Wood (070080895) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 21,100; Buildings 40,820; Total 61,920.

Arnold B. Wood (070080526) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 41,178; Buildings 61,295; Total 102,473.

Donald Cler (070107947) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,897; Buildings 36,429; Total 43,326.

Donald Cler (070023530) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 8,190; Buildings 81,025; Total 89,215.



Donald Cler (070018537) Mike McGinnis moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 5,985; Buildings 71,603; Total 77,588.

Becki J. Heusman (070027889) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 6,545; Buildings 81,870; Total 88,415.

Patricia A. Klemke (07002240) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 2,450; Buildings 95,238; Total 97,688.

Lenora A. Johnson (070217750) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 19,050; Buildings 125,060; Total 144,110.

Lenora A. Johnson (070107181) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 127,426; Buildings 90,030; Total 217,456.

Wayne & Amanda Knote (070074712) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, no; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 24,830; Buildings 176,620; Total 201,450.

DMA – DuCharme, McMillen & Associates, Inc (070001693) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 39,000; Buildings 1,391,000; Total 1,430,000.

Tod D. Thies (070244421) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 20,906; Buildings 65,300; Total 86,206.

Tod D. Thies (070053197) Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 299,456; Buildings 197,505; Total 496,961,

Western Sugar Growers Cooperative (070216517) Susan Lore moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Buildings 101,350.

Georeg Gurnett/Paradigm Tax Group (070197512) Susan Lore moved for no change at this time, after review & information received during the hearings, seconded by Mike McGinnis. The protest was completed inaccurately, as real property description stated Ainsworth, NE, therefore, Box Butte County Board of Equalization lacked jurisdiction to hear this appeal. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Land 451,891; Buildings 2,295,650; Total 2,747,541.

Chairperson Lore stated that as Board of Equalization, the Board could not hear the valuation protests mailed to the Box Butte County Clerk, from Cline Williams, Lincoln, Nebraska, as the postmark was July 7, 2021, therefore, the protests could not be heard.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 1:25 pm.



# Box Butte County Board

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Attest:

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Chairperson

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County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., August 4, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, July 28, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us August 2, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Steve Burke moved to approve July 19, 2021 minutes, as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Senior Services, Inc. Application Exemption Form 457, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Jurene OB Green's Nebraska Exemption Application Form 458, seconded by Steve Burke. County Assessor Michelle Robinson recommended to allow this filing that had missed the deadline due to Mrs. Green's medical situation, as Mrs. Green had met deadlines in the past. A Physician's Certification for Late Homestead Exemption Filing Form 458L was included in Mrs. Green's request. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

William R. & Virginia L. Campbell (070053332) Property Valuation Form 422, protest number 84: Following the swearing in of Virginia Campbell, 6250 Logan Road, Alliance, NE, the Board, County Assessor Robinson and Mrs. Campbell discussed her property, with no action taken. The Board will make a decision on this property protest during Board of Equalization, August 16, 2021.

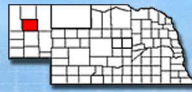
Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:42 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

West Side Event Center proprietor Tori McVicker came before the Board with a diagram outlining outside area that Ms. McVicker is proposing to add to their liquor license permit. Susan Lore moved giving the Board of Commissioners approval to Ms. McVicker for the additional outdoor space, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith will provide a letter to the Nebraska Liquor Commission, stating the Board's approval.

County Attorney Curtiss provided information and update on the (PCORI) Patient-Centered Outcome Research Fee, informing the Board that he had spoken to Auditor Jim Gardner and that the IRS form 720 had been sent to the IRS. No action taken.

Agenda item: discussing New Hire (including rehire) on page 11 of the Box Butte County Employee Handbook, was reviewed with no action taken.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Informing the Board of the need to add tanker endorsement along with the CDL license on the job description. Fencing and or security cameras at the



Hemingford Road shop will be an agenda item for the August 16, 2021 meeting. Ms. Keegan informed the board that MC Schaff could possibly be ready to ask for bids during August for the West Otoe Road project. No action taken.

Steve Burke moved to issue a check in the amount of \$21,950 payable to Bruce Furniture for carpet, sealant, and adhesive, with the cost of labor to be paid upon approval of finished installation, seconded by Susan Lore. Additional invoices from Bruce Furniture will be addressed during a future meeting. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Following the addition of the accounts payable check payable to Bruce Furniture, Mike McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 131,804.71; AFLAC 2,062.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 41,883.81; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,128.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 258.33; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 230.72; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,322.58; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,776.62; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net payroll 36,071.40; AFLAC 268.84; American Life Insurance Corp 164.20; Bank of the West 6,893.07; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 540.07; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,001.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,182.16; State of NE Dept of Revenue 1,534.47. **COUNTY BUILDING:** Bruce Furniture 21,950.00, carpet. Total: 378,863.10

Mike McGinnis moved, allowing Chairman Lore to sign the engagement letter for audit services (Agreement 2021-04) with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the current Noxious Weed Superintendent contract. Commissioner McGinnis will contact local companies to discuss their ability to spray noxious weeds. No action taken.

City of Alliance no longer will be using five transit vehicles and returned ownership to the County of Box Butte. Commissioner McGinnis has been in contact with Nebraska Department of Transportation to discuss vehicle disposal. Mike McGinnis moved to dispose four vehicles, using Purple Wave auction service and allowing the Village of Hemingford to lease a vehicle, seconded by Susan Lore. Commissioner McGinnis will contact Hemingford Village Trustee John Annen to view the vehicles. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that a Budget Workshop has been advertised for 10:00 a.m., August 23, 2021, with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson. County Clerk Messersmith inform the Board the Miscellaneous Districts had met the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to request levy authority. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk



Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., August 16, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, August 4, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us August 13, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Steve Burke moved to approve August 4, 2021 minutes, as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Mike McGinnis moved to reappoint Randy Langemeier as a Box Butte General Hospital Trustee for a term of 6-years, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell discussed the ARPA fund reports and deadlines. At this time there has not been a definite guideline on allowed expenditures. Mike McGinnis moved to appoint County Treasurer Bell as the county's administrator for ARPA reporting, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Property Valuation Protest Form 422 decision for William R & Virginia L Campbell (070053332): Susan read protest into record, Mike McGinnis moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor: Land 26,882; Buildings 180,665; Total 207,547, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Senior Services, Inc. Application Exemption Form 457, exemption motor vehicle taxes, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

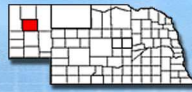
Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to open the road hearing at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided proof of hearing publication, road study and report for vacating a part of County Road 66 and Hall Road. Chairperson Lore asked for any public comment, as now was the time and place for hearing. Roger Schledewitz spoke in favor of the road vacation. Don Ferguson asked for clarification, as there is not a road there now. County Attorney Curtiss explained that this will abandon the right of way. Chairperson Lore asked for other comments. With no other members of the public speaking at the hearing, Mike McGinnis moved to close the hearing at 9:47 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-09: Vacation of a Part of County Road 66 and Hall Road, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing future tractor rental and costs.

Mike McGinnis moved to adopt Resolution 2021-08: County Annual Certification of Program Compliance, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Susan Lore moved to enter into executive session at 10:07 a.m., to discuss security matters, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Those attending closed session were Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, Lore, County Attorney Curtiss and Road Superintendent Keegan.

At 10:17 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to close executive session, that had been called for security matters, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

County Treasurer Bell provided 2019 distress warrant list of uncollectible warrants as submitted by the County Sheriff. The Board will look at striking names from the distress warrant list at the September 7, 2021 board meeting. No action taken.

County Clerk Messersmith excused herself from the meeting at 10:25 a.m., with Deputy County Clerk Gwen Taylor recording the proceedings for the remainder of the board meeting.

RCI Health Plan Representatives Brian Hillier, Samantha Stoltenberg, and Steve Jobman joined the meeting to discuss health insurance renewal numbers. Brian Hillier explained the Annual Summary Report to the board. Chairperson Lore, after some discussion, moved to accept the IOA RE Revised Renewal, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. MASA Medical Transport Solutions was discussed and Chairperson Lore requested to put that on the September 20, 2021 agenda.

Discussion of the Noxious Weed Department was added to the September 20, 2021 agenda with no action taken.

Assessor Michelle Robinson shared with the board some of her concerns with her budget because she would be unavailable for the County Budget Workshop on August 23, 2021. No action was taken.

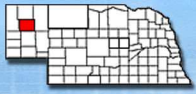
Steve Burke moved to approve and sign payroll and/or claims minus the Triangle Electric, Inc claim for \$3834.75, allowing the Board time to determine the entity responsible for payment, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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# Box Butte County Board Minutes



BOOK **O** PAGE **2021 – 20**

Box Butte County Commissioners met for a budget workshop session 10:00 a.m., August 23, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, August 4, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us August 18, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2021-10: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Resolution 2021-11: Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%), seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to approve Resolution 2021-12: Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson presented the budget requests he had received from elected officials and department heads.

Extension staff John Thomas, Carol Kleinsasser and Ashley Fenning; County Sheriff Tammy Mowry; Road Superintendent Barb Keegan; County Attorney Terry Curtiss; County Treasurer Val Bell were present.

Budget Hearing is set for September 13, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m., with Property Tax Request Hearing to follow. Hearings will be advertised in the Alliance Times Herald on September 8, 2021.

Chairperson Lore excused herself from the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Mike McGinnis adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., September 7, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, August 25, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us September 3, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

The Board received a telephone call at 9:07 a.m., regarding a hearing scheduled for September 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., central time. Attorney Alison Janecek representing Rosewood Estates, LLC and County Attorney Curtiss provided their statements during this show cause proceeding. Telephone call ended at 9:32 a.m. and TERC Commission will deliberate on the jurisdiction issue.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL** Net Payroll: 126,552.12; AFLAC 2,062.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 40,180.55; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,128.00; Capital One Bank, N.A. 369.85; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 235.36; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 230.72; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,731.05; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,441.12; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD** Net Payroll: 35,948.11; AFLAC 268.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 186.24; Bank of the West 6,794; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,914.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 712.01; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,325.70; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,257.38; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,526.31.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the correction book, correcting two mobile homes, as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Dennis Hartley had requested homestead exemption and County Assessor Robinson had rejected the application as applicant does not meet disability requirements. Mr. Hartley was present to answer questions the Board had regarding his application request. Steve Burke moved to deny the homestead exemption application, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. At 9:44 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Susan Lore to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Following the correction for the beginning meeting time on the August 23, 2021 budget workshop meeting minutes, Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign the August 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the amended August 23, 2021 budget workshop minutes, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Val Jansante, Community Liaison for Representative Adrian Smith provided updates to the Board from Representative Smith's office. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing the water needed on roads at this time along with the amounts of remaining crushed rock available. Ms. Keegan will obtain estimates for the hail damaged roofs.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the "local public agency" LPA annual certification form, seconded by Steve Burke. This certification covers July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for Federal Funds requests. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Mike McGinnis moved, seconded by Steve Burke to join National Association of Counties (NACo), with membership in the amount of \$450.00. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed with the Board his requested additional provisions to the Wilson Group proposed agreement for the 17 window replacement in the Slagle Building located at 524 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Mike McGinnis moved to allow Chairperson Lore to sign the contract with the requested performance and payment bond and the completion date added to the contract, with the window project Option A not to exceed \$49,900, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell provided the Board with a delinquent tax list, discussing the process of striking some of the parcels. The uncollected tax report and distress warrant resolution will be added to the September 20, 2021 agenda. No action taken.

County Treasurer Bell discussed with the Board the possibility of having an employee safety meeting/appreciation dinner during the month of November. Ms. Bell will report during the September 20, 2021 meeting, possible costs and location.

Susan Lore moved to enter into an agreement with Lutz & Company for ARPA Assistance, allowing County Treasurer Valery Bell to confirm the agreement on behalf of Box Butte County, seconded by Mike McGinnis. NACO board has engaged with Lutz & Company, a CPA firm to provide assistance to counties for the administration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Burke allowing County Clerk/Election Commissioner Messersmith to agree and accept a statement of work implementing a WebGIS tab, allowing for payment to be made out of the ARPA funds, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. NACO and Secretary of State Election Division have stated that ARPA funds are a reported use for these redistricting expenses due to the delay of the U.S. Census population numbers being delayed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign annual inventory statements, as stated in Neb. Rev. Stat.23-347, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

The Board continued with acknowledging correspondence. Commissioner McGinnis reported on vehicles that had been damaged during the July 9, 2021 hail storm and also on the status of transit vehicles the City of Alliance no longer needed. Adding to the September 20, 2021 agenda will be transit bus decisions. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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# Box Butte County Board Minutes



BOOK **O** PAGE **2021 – 22**

Box Butte County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., September 13, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of hearings were published in Alliance Times Herald, September 8, 2021. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us, September 8, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore opened the final tax request hearing at 9:01 a.m. Chairperson Lore acknowledged that 3 copies of the proposed budget were available for public view. Chairperson Lore also stated that a budget workshop had been held August 23, 2021, with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson, a quorum was present and input for the 2021-2022 budget was heard from elected officials and department heads. Chairperson Lore then stated the purpose of the hearing was to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. At this time County Treasurer Val Bell asked if membership to NACo had been included in the proposed budget, with this item having been included in miscellaneous dues. Ms. Bell also asked about membership regarding (MASA) Medical Transportation Solutions, this had already been placed as an agenda item for the September 20, 2021 meeting, and County Treasurer Bell and Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Eilkins inquired to see if security glass and counters had been included in the proposed budget. Chairperson Lore placed this on the October 18, 2021 agenda. No other public comment.

At 9:21 a.m., Steve Burke moved to close the hearing to set final tax request, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the purpose of hearing support, oppositions, criticism or suggestions to the proposed budget, at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With a copy of the 2020-2021 budget document and 3 copies of the proposed budget available for public view, Chairperson Lore compared the 2020-2021 budget to the proposed 2021-2022 budget. A comparison of the valuation to the previous year's valuation was shown and a breakdown of bond purposes and non-bond purposes. Chairperson Lore asked the public for comments, with none, Chairperson Lore moved to close the budget hearing at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Lore adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in special meeting immediately following final tax request hearing and budget hearing., September 13, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of special meeting was published September 8, 2021, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: [boxbuttecounty.us](http://boxbuttecounty.us) September 8, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the special meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present.

Steve Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2021-13: Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-14: Setting the Property Tax Request 2021-2022, seconded by Steve Burke. Total personal and real property tax requirement is \$5,503,547.65. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., September 20, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, August 18, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us September 17, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign regular meeting minutes 2021-21, budget hearing minutes 2021-22 and special budget meeting minutes 2021-23, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no elected officials and office reports and no correspondence, Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended.

Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Chief Jailer Kressa Hansen discussed with the Board and plumbing contractor Jake Weber the repairs that need to be completed in the county jail. Mr. Weber stated that repairs could be completed in 2 weeks if the toilet and shower ordered are available. Ms. Hansen said that the ordered products have been delivered and are at the jail. County Attorney Curtiss informed Mr. Weber that the jail plumbing needs to be finished with fixtures installed and be able to utilize the hallway. Without this completion, the County is continuing to house prisoners in nearby detention centers. The Board informed Mr. Weber that repairs to the jail cells and hallway have a completion date of October 8, 2021, and that Mr. Weber needs to remove the storage container, located on county property next to the jail, as soon as possible. Sheriff Mowry informed Mr. Weber that he will need to communicate with the sheriff with progress reports. Added to the October 6, 2021 agenda will be further discussion on the condition of the cast iron sewer lines running towards the basketball courts.

Sheriff Mowry discussed with the Board the need for an emergency circumstance involving a dispatcher. Due to the lack of qualified dispatchers, a long time employee has been working more hours and not allowed to take vacation. The Box Butte County Handbook reads that "if the maximum amount of vacation hours are reached, there will be no additional accruals of vacation until the employee's balance drops below the maximum." County Attorney Curtiss stated that this is an emergency circumstance only affecting one person at this time. Steve Burke moved to correct vacation in this case alone (jail dispatch employee) and allow for vacation accrual to increase beyond the maximum level until December 31, 2021, if the employee is still at the maximum allowed number of hours, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The former handbook committee will meet at 9:00 a.m., September 23, 2021 for a comprehensive review of policy with an update on the October 6, 2021 agenda.

Mobius Communication representatives Joni Jespersen and Tanya Mayer spoke to the Board explaining the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act (NBBP) LB388 that Governor Ricketts had signed. This is to expand broadband in Nebraska. Two plans expanding fiber along West Otoe Road were presented, plan A connecting additional 10 miles and plan B connecting 17 miles from CR68 west on Otoe Road. Mike McGinnis moved to partner with Mobius for plan B, expanding additional 17 miles, at a cost of \$425,000, with the county to contribute \$50,000 from the COVID ARP funds, and authorize the Chairperson to provide a letter of support, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that the road department will return to 8 hour work days beginning October 18, 2021.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing NACO benefit services to provide the opportunity for employees to enroll in MASA (Medical Transportation Solutions) insurance at the employee's cost, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The Board may consider looking at including the cost of this insurance in the employee's benefit package following this budget year.



Carolyn Annen and Don Lease with Nebraska Strong Recovery Project provided information on National Recovery Month. A National Hunger & Homeless Proclamation will be on the November 3, 2021 agenda.

Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign Resolution 2021-15, striking three personal property taxes that appear uncollectible from the distress warrants, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell provided the Board with the 2020 real estate tax remaining report and 2020 personal tax remaining report, as required. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-16 to issue tax sale certificates on delinquent parcels, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell stated that there is only one parcel available for tax sale.

County Treasurer Val Bell provided information she had obtained from Alliance Eagles Club #136 regarding the options and costs for an employee appreciation & safety meeting dinner. Mike McGinnis moved to have the dinner on November 6, 2021, 6 P.M., at the Eagles Club, not to exceed \$27.00 per plate for county employees. Guests will be required to pay for their meal, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Brett Lauder came before the Board for discussion on what is expected and the duties of a County Weed Superintendent. County Attorney Curtiss informed Mr. Lauder that a County Weed Superintendent would require certification and what duties are expected and required. No action taken.

Mike McGinnis had discussed with the State of Nebraska, disposal procedures of the former City of Alliance transit buses, and stated the 2010 Supreme Bus VIN#9266 will be leased to the Village of Hemingford with similar lease that the County and City of Alliance had used. With the 2012 Veteran Office Ford Flex having been totaled by NIRMA due to the recent hail storm, the 2012 Dodge Sport Van VIN#4980 will be used by the Veteran's office and added to the county fleet insurance. The remaining 3 vehicles will be auctioned, as approved during the August 4, 2021 board meeting.

Prior to approving monthly claims, the Board discussed a claim for Triangle Electric in the amount of \$3,764.75, that the Board concluded should be returned to Triangle Electric as it should be sent to the 911 Board. Also, discussing the \$16,226.00 remaining claim to Bruce Furniture for labor and additional carpet, Commissioner McGinnis stated he will visit with the manager at Bruce Furniture. Steve Burke moved to approve monthly claims with the exception of the \$3,764.75 Triangle Electric invoice and the \$16,226.00 Bruce Furniture invoice, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Chairperson

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., October 6, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, September 22, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us October 4, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept September 20, 2021 meeting minutes 2021-24, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was read, including an updated construction contract agreement with The Wilson Group, Inc. Steve Burke moved, seconded by Mike McGinnis to move forward with the Slagle Building window replacement. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Construction Contract with The Wilson Group, Inc. will be an agenda item for the October 18, 2021 meeting. Commissioners reported on recent meetings they had attended.

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to adopt Resolution 2021-17: setting 2021-2022 levies, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to approve and sign payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 124,245.39; AFLAC 2,062.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 546.02; Bank of the West 39,437.64; Box Butte County Treasurer 99,128.00; Capital One Bank, N.A. 293.29; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 254.18; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 230.72; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,385.10; St of NE Dept of Revenue 5,375.88; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 34,908.76; AFLAC 268.84; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 6,720.52; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,044.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 667.72; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,901.54; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,266.51; St of NE Dept of Revenue 1,528.17.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report to the Board.

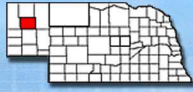
Mike McGinnis moved to table handbook vacation accrual addendum until the October 18, 2021 board meeting, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Burke had spoken with Jake Weber regarding the jail plumbing repairs, and that Mr. Weber was to be on site today (October 6, 2021). No action taken.

Mike McGinnis moved to form a committee with seven members in order to consider requests of ARPA funds, seconded by Steve Burke. Those on the committee will be County Commissioner McGinnis, County Assessor Robinson, County Treasurer Bell, County Clerk Messersmith, County Attorney Curtiss as a liaison with the courts and County Sheriff Mowry or a Deputy County Sheriff. Chairperson Lore stated that input is welcome from anyone not just those on the committee. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The first committee meeting will be November 3, 2021 at 8:15 a.m. in the Board Room.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 10:07 a.m.





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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., October 18, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, October 6, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us October 15, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., after speaking to the Alliance High School County Government Day Students. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis and Susan Lore present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

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

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

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

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

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan presented a road and equipment report.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chairperson

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County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., November 3, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, October 20, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us November 1, 2021. Vice-Chairman Mike McGinnis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke and Mike McGinnis present. Mike McGinnis moved to excuse Chairperson Susan Lore, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-Chairman McGinnis acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda with two additions added timely, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, absent. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., November 15, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, October 3, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us November 12, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items. Steve Burke moved to accept and sign November 3, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, abstain. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Box Butte County Commissioners held a special meeting on November 29, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., 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 November 17, 2021, in the Alliance Times Herald. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county website November 23, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., with roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore present. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded the proceedings and County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Following Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, with two agenda items, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Enet Sommers-Dehaney, Attorney at Law, met with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the current Box Butte County Public Defender vacancy. Ms. Sommers-Dehaney outlined her experiences and answered questions from the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners and Enet Sommers-Dehaney will continue discussion via telephone during the December 6, 2021 meeting at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Following discussion of the courthouse elevator being out of order, the Board discussed repairs and cost of replacement. Susan Lore moved to revamp the courthouse elevator at a cost of \$318,289.00 for repairs from KONE, seconded by Mike McGinnis. KONE Care repair and upgrade proposal and down payment will be an agenda item for the December 6, 2021 meeting. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 12:09 p.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Those in executive session were Commissioners Burke, McGinnis and Lore. Susan Lore moved to close executive session at 12:30 p.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned the special meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., December 6, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, November 24, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us December 3, 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Steve Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items. Susan Lore moved to accept and sign November 15, 2021 minutes and November 29, 2021 special minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, abstain. Motion carried.

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

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

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

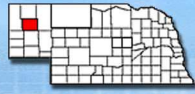
Mike McGinnis moved to accept the proposal from Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment in the amount of \$46,893.00 for the intercom system, allowing the Chairperson to sign acceptance certificate, seconded by Susan Lore. Payment will be billed as work progresses. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

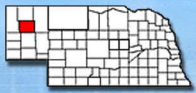
With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., December 20, 2021, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, December 8, 2021. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us December 17 2021. Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items. Steve Burke moved to accept and sign December 6, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. With no elected officials reports, the Board acknowledged office reports from Extension and Building and Grounds offices. Board reports were heard and correspondence was acknowledged with NIRMA requesting a plan for finalized roof and vehicle repairs from the July 2021 hail storm. Steve Burke moved to table a Box Butte General Hospital Tort Claim until May, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Chairperson Lore to sign the four corrections County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, correcting three homestead exemptions and one personal property adjustment, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Susan Lore moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor Robinson provided an update of county vehicles that the Assessor's office drives for property reviews and reported on recent vehicle repairs. No action taken.

Nebraska Strong Recovery Project Coordinator Carolyn Annen thanked the Board for their partnership working with the community during the Covid 19 pandemic and that the NE Strong Recovery Project grant was coming to an end. No action taken.

Steve Burke moved to approve and enter into an employment agreement with Enet Somers-Dehaney as Public Defender for the County of Box Butte, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, no; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With two letters of interest received for the open positions on the Box Butte County Extension Board, Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Heath Solberg and Annette Wood to the Extension Board, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2021-19 authorizing Box Butte County Commissioners and Box Butte County Clerk to execute documents required to receive USDA financial assistance for applications affecting the Box Butte County Sheriff's Office, seconded by Steve Burke. Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen had provided information during the December 6, 2021 board meeting for officer webcams and computers with the possibility of grants from USDA. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. MC Schaaf Engineer Don Dye provided preliminary plans for the proposed West Otoe Road project. Susan Lore moved to table decisions on the proposed West Otoe Road project to the January 18, 2022 meeting, allowing the Board to study the plans, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The Board set the 1&6 year road plan hearing for 1:30 p.m., February 22, 2022. Steve Burke moved to allow for bids of 40,000 ton of crushed rock out of the Jespersen pit, with bids to be opened 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2022, in the Commissioner Board Room and approval or rejection of bids during the February 2, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. The Board also discussed locking in oil costs for 10 miles of oil to be used in 2022. Mike McGinnis moved to approve



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the 2021 Road Department Safety Manual, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

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Mobius Communications had provided information regarding an update mitigating the risk of a security exploit. Mike McGinnis moved allowing Mobius Communications to do the upgrade with an approximate cost of \$160.00, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Jim Gardner, CPA with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C. provided the county's 2020-2021 audit to the Board. Mr. Gardner stated the county had a positive audit. Steve Burke moved to accept the audit report as presented, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Elected salary resolution discussion continued, with the Board needing to fix the salaries prior to January 15, 2022 (23- 1114). Police Chief Lukens was present to discuss county attorney's salary, with County Sheriff Mowry offering 5% of the sheriff's base salary towards the county attorney's salary study. Base salaries were discussed along with cost of living increases and benefit package. No action taken. Salary resolution will be added to the January 5, 2022 board meeting.

Susan Lore called recess at 11:47 a.m.

Susan Lore resumed the meeting at 11:51 a.m., with roll call: Burke, McGinnis, Lore present.

Following review of the monthly claims, Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairperson Lore adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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