

February 27, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

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 COUNTY OF BOX BUTTE) §
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 CITY OF ALLIANCE)

The Alliance City Council met in a Special Joint Meeting, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 a.m., at the Newberry Building, 402 Box Butte Avenue Avenue. A notice of meeting was published in the Alliance Times Herald on February 20, 2014. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting was open to the public, and that an agenda of the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Feldges, Council members Benzel, Lewis, Yeager, and Seiler. Also present were City Manager Cox, City Attorney Olsen, Assistant City Manager Waggener, and City Clerk Jines. Representing the Box Butte County Commissioners were members Hashman and Lore. Box Butte County staff members were County Clerk Messersmith.

The Special Meeting began with Box Butte County Commission Chair Hashman and Mayor Feldges opening the meeting for their respective Boards. Commissioner Hashman made the Open Meetings Law announcement and indicated the required posting was displayed on the north counter of the room.

- Councilman Benzel made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Lore.

Roll call with the following results:

Voting Aye: Hashman and Lore. Benzel, Lewis, Feldges, Seiler, and Yeager.

Voting Nay: None.

Motion carried.

- The first item before the Boards was an updated report from the E911 Task Force. Commissioner Hashman informed the group that both he and Councilman Benzel had met with Police Chief John Kiss and Fire Chief Troy Shoemaker. Arrangements are being made to meet with Pete Peterson of Keith County on Monday, March 17th. Mr. Peterson is responsible for a similar joint dispatch/communications center and has agreed to provide advice/assistance in reviewing the possibility for consolidation in our area. There are also plans to meet with Ray Richards of Scotts Bluff County for the same purpose. The task force at this time is still in the

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fact finding and information gathering stage. Mr. Hashman also reported that our equipment is in good shape; however Century Link (our service provider) needs additional time to bring their equipment up to date to provide the enhanced 911 system.

The County informed the group that should it be necessary, the basement of the County Annex (Slagle Building) would be available for relocation of the communications center. Commissioner Hashman made reference to the Enhanced 911 Report for Nebraska and stated the Alliance PSAP information was not included.

- The next matter for discussion was the road from Highway 2 to the Veterans Cemetery. It was reported that research was continuing to be performed to determine the ownership of the road. Box Butte County has hired an outside individual to perform the research. The ownership determination is necessary as the State of Nebraska placed this road in a special classification which would allow the use of State funds for the maintenance/repair of a portion of the road. The funding mechanism established was through the Nebraska Game and Parks Division. Once ownership has been established the cost share requirement can be established between the City and the County. Both boards agreed to continue working on the ownership issue and report back at our next meeting.
- The next matter before the governing boards was a request by the County for the City of Alliance to consider including them in our snow removal program for the downtown area. The Commissioners clarified that they were interested in receiving a quote from the City for their snow removal needs at the Courthouse block. City staff stated they would prepare a fair estimate for the requested service for consideration at our next meeting.
- The City of Alliance's Sidewalk Replacement Program was the next issue for discussion. Box Butte County has previously entered into an Agreement which has not been completed. The County expressed a need for completing the project in the near future as they have been delaying a necessary water main repair on their property. City Manager Cox informed the group that the City no longer provides this program and that the contract previously entered into by the County had lapsed, as the County had not provided payment. It was the consensus of the groups that a decision on this matter be delayed so the County could review their minutes to see if any additional information was available to clarify the proposal made to the County. Once the review of the County's minutes is completed they will get back to the City and the matter will then be addressed with the City Council.
- The Boards requested that the respective Clerks provide each of their agendas to the other entity. By sharing this information it will keep each governing body abreast of the activities of the other in hopes of enhancing communications.
- The last item on the agenda was public comment time. No comments were offered.
- Prior to closing, both Boards consented to meet on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. with the place to be determined closer to that date.

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- Commissioner Hashman stated, “there being no further business to come before the Alliance City Council, the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 a.m.”

(SEAL)

Fred Feldges, Mayor

Linda S. Jines, City Clerk