

MOBIUS_BRIDGE GRANT BOX BUTTE_L_1

Attachment L

Mobius Match Source Table, Certification – Letter from Box Butte County Commissioner; minutes from the Commissioners in the newspaper, Census Blocks Box Butte County, RDOF Information

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CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION FORM

This form certifies that The Box Butte County Commissioners will be making a match toward a grant being submitted by Mobius Communications Company to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant.

The Box Butte County Commissioners voted September 20, 2021, at the Commissioners meeting to support Mobius and collaborate on the match in the grant.

Here are the minutes from the Commissioners meeting; these are public record, these minutes were printed in The Hemingford Ledger. L_4

We have included the letter of support from the County Commissioner also. L-5

MOBIUS_BRIDGE GRANT BOX BUTTE_L_5

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Box Butte County Commissioners Minutes where they vote to collaborate on this project, they voted to add \$50,000 to our match.

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BOX BUTTE COUNTY CLAIMS

The following claims were approved by the Box Butte County Board of Commissioners on September 20, 2021, for all funds. Abbreviations for this legal: el - elections; ex - expenses; gr - grant; ju - jury; me - meals; ml - mileage; re - reimbursement; rt - rent; sa - salaries; se - services; su - supplies; ut - utilities. **GENERAL FUND:** A & J Janitorial LLC 375.00 - ex; Advanced Correctional Healthcare 6504.83 - ex; Alliance Grocery Kart 936.22 - ex; Alliance Motors Unlimited 198.78 - ex; Alliance Postmaster 301.20 - ex; Alliance Times Herald 449.22 - ex; Allo Communications, LLC 1868.58 - ut; Carlena M Arraj 35.00 - ju; Associated Computer Systems LTD 1260.86 - ex; AT&T Mobility 222.61 - ut; Bernie's Supply & Hardware 3.18 - su; Lanita M Bestol 35.00 - ju; Black Hills Energy 330.81 - ut; Ideal Linen/Bluffs 1146.51 - su; Box Butte County Road Dept. 103.55 - ex; Box Butte County Court 1346.00 - ex; Box Butte County Sheriff 640.53 - ex; Box Butte Development Corp 9000.00 - ex; Box Butte General Hospital 797.25 - ex; Jared Hunt 95.00 - ex; Martie Burke 54.04 - ju; Steve Burke 261.11 - ml; Dale Burton 20.00 - ex; Kaitlyn Brianna Buskirk 35.00 - ju; Carter's Home Hardware & Appliance 40.47 - ex; Cash-Wa Distributing 2893.33 - su; Century Business Products 564.62 - ex; Century Link 428.86 - ut; City of Alliance 7683.31 - ut; Samantha Clark 267.49 - su; Clerk of the District Court 530.00 - ex; Mark T Colerick 35.00 - ju; Creative Product Source, Inc. 163.67 - ex; Creative Tek, Inc. 568.00 - ex; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, & Watson 1321.94 - ex; Randy D Cuillers 10.00 - ex; Plooster Water Inc. 178.00 - ex; Carol L Danbon 51.80 - ju; DAS State Accounting-Central Finances 1332.68 - ex; Keystone RX Corporation, Inc. 10.04 - ex; Dawson County Sheriff's Office 36.09 - ex; Leah Elizabeth Delsing 43.40 - ju; Docu-Shred LLC 30.00 - ex; MSC-410526, Dollar General 48.96 - su; Jason D Dudden 35.00 - ju; Tiffany Elkins 325.11 - me. ml; Ashley Fenning 134.40 - ml; Galls, LLC 1014.39 - ex; Great Western Bank 208.00 - ex; Abigail L Grosse-Rhode - 35.00 - ju; H & H Sanitation & Recycling, Inc. 69.25 - ex; Fayette L Harwick 35.00 - ju; Tammy L Henderson 35.00 - ju; Robert D Hinton 35.00 - ju; Theresa A Holbert 35.00 - ju; Scottsbluff Corporate 302.99 - su; Howard E Jensen 920.00 - ex; Francisco Jacobo Gomez 35.00 - ju; Christopher Adam Jensen 35.00 - ju; Dale L Jeske Jr. 501.50 - ex; Michael A Johnson 2500.00 - ex; Keep Alliance Beautiful 500.00 - ex; Lynnette L Kiss 35.00 - ju; Carol Kleinsasser 89.60 - ml; Aaron D Korh 35.00 - ju; Debra L Kumpf 55.16 - ju; Richard Laursen 80.00 - ju; su; Lincoln County Sheriff 17.80 - ex; Audrey M Long 6097.09 - ex; Lori E Loomis 63.00 - ju; Lore's Collision & Refinishing LLC 500.00 - ex; Lynn Peavy Company 145.50 - ex; Sherry F Mann 47.32 - ju; Michael L McCauley 35.00 - ju; Nicholas D McCoy 35.00 - ju; Michael E McGinnis 150.00 - ex; Judy Messersmith 61.60 - ml; Lee Allan Michel 35.00 - ju; Midwest Special Services, Inc. 603.00 - ex; Multicounty Information Programming 6609.98 - ex; MJLC LLC 1500.00 - rt; Mobius Communications Company 103.00 - ex; Gary J Moeller 35.00 - ju; NACO 60.00 - ex; National Association of Counties 450.00 - ex; NE Health & Human Services System 372.00 - ex; NE Public Health Environmental Lab 210.00 - ex; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equipment 771.00 - ex; Nebraska Total Office Inc. 664.19 - su; Nebraska.gov 70.00 - ex; Nossaman Pettit Law Firm, PC 11525.35 - ex; Options In Psychology, LLC 1600.00 - ex; Panhandle Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning 743.00 - ex; Pressure Palace 85.00 - ex; Precision Stereo Technology 109.00 - ex; Quadiant, Inc. 251.69 - ex; Quill Corporation 1016.44 - su; Amy A Ragdale 1676.50 - ex; Ramada Midtown/Grand Island 768.00 - ex; Renkoski Property Development 4083.33 - ex; Michelle Robinson 572.84 - me, ml; Travis R Rodak-Rodak Law Office 2300.00 - ex; Scottsbluff County Detention 5070.00 - ex; Scottsbluff County Sheriff 41.60 - ex; Secretary of State 40.00 - ex; Security Plumbing Suppliers 1188.72 - ex; Stacy Stodden 1410.00 - rt; Smith, King, Simmons & Conn, P.C. 4452.95 - ex; State Fire Marshall 240.00 - ex; Stop Slick LTD 503.00 - ex; Telecom West Inc. 126.90 - ut; John Thomas 22.40 - ml; Thomson Reuters West Publishing 85.81 - ex; Triangle Electric Inc. 70.00 - ex; University of NE-Lincoln Extension 80.38 - ex; Valor General Store 301.35 - ex; Western Cooperative Company 2842.23 - ex; Western Nebraska Newspapers 45.60 - ex; Xerox Corporation 119.87 - ex; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Action Communications, Inc. 63.15 - ut; Adamson Automotive LLC 635.50 - ex; Alliance Tractor & Implement Co. 2984.21 - ex; Allo Communications, LLC 126.73 - ut; Black Hills Energy 69.64 - ut; Adam E Bolek 12.50 - ex; Bomgaars 113.23 - ex; Box Butte General Hospital 96.00 - ex; City of Alliance 240.04 - ut; McCune Auto Parts, Inc. 548.08 - ex; Farmers Coop Elevator 23.78 - ex; Figgins Construction Co. Inc. 50200.00 - ex; Eugene E Hansen 379.22 - ex; Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Co. 43.07 - ut; Hemingford Municipal Utilities 110.44 - ut; Inland Truck Parts Co. 350.90 - ex; J & A Traffic Products 12600.00 - ex; John Deere Financial 33.76 - ex; Kaiser Concessions Daniel & Rashell Kaiser 860.80 - ex; Barbara Keegan 878.61 - su; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Inc. 992.94 - ex; Medical Enterprises, Inc. 75.00 - ex; Mobius Communications Company 110.00 - ut; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company Inc. 913.64 - ex; NMC Group 666.51 - ex; Panhandle Bolt Company 3.00 - ex; PREMA 62.95 - ut; Dudley Prochazka 5057.13 - ex; UG Lee Inc. 414.17 - ex; Scott E Wilkins 3414.53 - ex; Rus-Wil Inc. 1483.71 - ex; Simon East Region NE 698.03 - ex; Verizon Wireless 73.84 - ut; David L Weare Sr 1098.87 - ex; Western Cooperative Company 6514.80 - ex; Western Nebraska Newspapers 29.60 - ex; **PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND:** Multicounty Information Programming 134.00 - ex; **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND:** Box Butte County Health Insurance 141576.42 - ex; **STATE GRANTS FUND:** Alliance Public Schools 2677.13 - gr; **COVID ARP FUND:** Gworks 8750.00 - ex; 911 EMERGENCY FUND: Century Link 1255.39 - ut; Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Co. 129.86 - ut; **GRAND TOTAL:** 355816.96.

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BOX BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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 NIRA 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.
Box Butte County Commissioners
/s/ Judy Messersmith, Box Butte County Clerk
Complete minutes, resolutions and agreements are on file in the office of the County Clerk, available for public inspections during regular business hours.

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September 22, 2021

Dear Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant Committee:

As a resident of rural Box Butte County I am sending this letter of support for Mobius Communications Company and the potential Grant Funding through the Broadband Bridge Grant.

Mobius has worked diligently to bring buried fiber to the rural customers. We have providers that say they are providing services with huge ranges of service; they are not! I know because I live in the rural area and do not have sufficient service. I am not only a resident, but I serve as a Box Butte County Commissioner, and I have patiently waited for years to be served by a provider with efficient and excellent broadband.

The Box Butte County Commissioners have worked with Mobius Communications for many years; seeing them connect rural Box Butte County residents with the best broadband is a huge piece for the economy of Box Butte County, and the lives of our constituents.

My job as an elected official is to do the most I can for the well-being of all residents of Box Butte County. I know firsthand what poor connection is because I have poor service. I want to see the same benefits of broadband that residents in town are getting.

We are fortunate to have a company such as Mobius Communications that cares about the rural areas. Box Butte County Commissioners believe and support Mobius. We are collaborating with Mobius and providing matching funds of \$50,000. This is very important for us as Commissioners to choose to put our money where we can see the most benefits for our rural residents.

Please support Mobius Communications Company with the Grant Application; if you have any further questions you may contact me at 308.762.6565

Sincerely,

Susan Lore