

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., February 2, 2022, 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 19, 2022. Agenda was emailed on January 31, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the January 18, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court monthly report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Val Bell provided an ARPA Committee report. ARPA Fund Committee had met and provided thoughts and suggestions on eligible projects that could be funded out of the ARPA fund account. ARPA expenditures will be an agenda item for the February 22, 2022 board meeting. Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, as County Assessor presented adding personal property, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign Evangelical Free Church of Alliance Application for Exemption Form 457, that County Treasurer Bell had approved, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, with a list of equipment to be declared surplus and to be sold on an upcoming Purple Wave Auction. McGinnis moved to declare used and no longer needed equipment surplus as listed by the road department, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. During the road report, Upper Niobrara Resources District representatives Pat O'Brien and Lynn Webster were present to provide an update and environment assessment on the Box Butte Creek Watershed Plan. Road Superintendent Keegan informed the Board that an estimate for the hail damaged road department roofs had been submitted to NIRMA, and that MC Schaff would be at the February 22, 2022 meeting with bids for the West Otoe Rd project. No action taken. With the upcoming 1 & 6 year road plan hearing to be held February 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., Commissioners and Road Superintendent discussed possible projects and costs. No action taken.

Two timely sealed fuel proposals had been accepted in the office of the County Clerk, from Panhandle Coop and WESTCO. Burke moved to accept WESTCO's proposal for 30,000 gallons of #2 off road diesel, paying in the period following the bid award, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

One sealed rock crushing bid had been received timely in the office of the County Clerk for 40,000 ton of crushed rock out of the Jespersen Pit. K L Wood submitted the only bid at \$8.00 per ton. Burke moved to table the accepting or rejecting of the bid to the February 22, 2022 board meeting, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the annual Noxious Weed Control Plan, Activity Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Budget Report and Noxious Weed Infestation Report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved to reject and not pay Renkoski Vegetation Services invoice #4279 and invoice #4280, totalling \$10,583.33, that had been tabled from the January 18, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 127,514.72; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 523.98; Bank of the West 39,826.45; Box Butte County Treasurer 93,046.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 218.78; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,745.40; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,481.29; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 34,709.40; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 6,623.61; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,988.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,195.28; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,392.26. **TOTAL:** 342,217.95

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk