

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., April 18, 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, April 6, 2022. Agenda was emailed on April 15, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis from the meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. 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. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the amended agenda, removing FNTS regarding cyber security. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved to accept the April 6, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Burke moved to move the May 16, 2022 board meeting to Wednesday, May 18, 2022, allowing for a quorum, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. A notice of meeting will be published informing the public of meeting date.

Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program, requested that the Board review the reports and requirements set forth in the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act during a regular board meeting. Following review of the 2021 year, Burke moved to sign the reports and requirement summary for Box Butte County, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book as Deputy County Assessor Elkins presented, correcting a mobile home, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder provided information and weed plan for 2022, outlining the steps and notices the county would use in order to force control of noxious weeds. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that the 1995 Mach semi-tractor repairs would be very costly. The Board informed Ms. Keegan to request proposals for a truck until May 2, 2022 and to bring proposals to the May 4, 2022 board meeting, for possible purchase.

During review of monthly claims, Jake Weber, (Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys) was present to clarify his claim. County Attorney Curtiss explained the change order policy to Mr. Weber and will make a change order for work to be in the county jail. Mr. Weber informed the Board that he would not be charging the county \$12,500 (invoice 510491) and that work would be completed by the end of April. Burke moved to table the \$30,340 claim to Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys until the May 4, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table Patricia Johnston and Steve Burke mileage conflict claims until the Board had a quorum, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims with the exception of the Weber, Johnston & Burke claims that had been tabled, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Region 23 Emergency Management Coordinator Nan Gould was present to request signing of the Box Butte County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. Burke moved to sign the plan, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter and sign Interlocal Agreement 2022-03 for Law Enforcement with the Village of Hemingford and the County of Box Butte, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Johnston moved to adopt a 15 year amortization schedule with the ability to pay down sooner for the \$3.9 million Highway Allocation Series 2022 Bonds with Piper Sandler & Co., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the quarterly jail visit to the May 4, 2022 meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk