

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., May 18, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting and change of meeting date was published in Alliance Times Herald, May 4, 2022. Agenda was emailed on May 17, 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, 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.

Burke moved to accept the amended agenda, with County Assessor adding the correction book as an emergency item, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to approve and sign May 4, 2022 minutes, as written. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official's reports, the board reviewed the building and grounds report and updates. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view and Board members reported on meetings they had recently attended, with Commissioner McGinnis reporting that Region 23 will have an increase in their budget request for 2022-23 fiscal year.

Mobius Communications' representative Tonya Mayer, provided an update on broadband expansion within Box Butte County, discussing Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program with the new grant funding opening in June 2022.

Burke moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and Box Butte County. This memo of understanding will allow the county veteran's office to continue to use the database "VetraSpec", seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., Burke moved to open as BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve two claims presented by Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins. Claims were \$1,920.22 refund to Rosewood Estates II, LLC and \$1,913.48 refund to Rosewood Estates, LLC. Both claims were a result of Tax Equalization and Review Commission final decision. Seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Added to the agenda was an emergency item to be heard before the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Deputy Assessor Elkins presented the correction book, with acceleration of personal property, prior to an auction. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign the correction book. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:22 a.m., Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road report. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the 1995 Mack truck title for Purple Wave auction service, as requested by Road Superintendent Keegan, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Covid ARPA fund committee had met May 16, 2022, and provided suggestions and requests to the Board for their consideration. Burke moved to partner with Mobius Communications, and approve \$250,000.00 matching funds for broadband expansion within the county, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve funding up to \$9,000.00 for a breathalyzer and a maximum of \$3,500.00 for technology installation in the Commissioner Board Room, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Covid ARPA claims up to amount of \$12,500.00 must be submitted by June 15, 2022. No date was set for the next ARPA Committee meeting.

More discussion on cyber security and vendors, with Chairman Burke allowing Bytes Managed IT to do a security assessment. Bytes Managed IT will be contacted following the meeting.



Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to approve a conflict claim (mileage & registration) in the amount of \$321.44 for Commissioner Johnston. Johnston, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Johnston moved, seconded by McGinnis to approve a conflict claim (mileage) in the amount of \$64.35 for Chairman Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, abstain. Motion carried.

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

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Chairperson

Attest: _____
County Clerk