

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., June 21, 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, June 8, 2022. Due to the loss of computer connections within the courthouse, the agenda was posted on all doors of the courthouse and texted to the Board members on June 19, 2022, with agenda emailed to the news media and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us on June 20, 2022.

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, with County Clerk Messersmith informing the Board and Public that a current copy of the amended Open Meeting Act is also located on the North wall of the Board Room. The amended provisions of the Open Meeting Act will be effective July 21, 2022.

Burke moved to accept the agenda with the addition of conflict claims, 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 June 6, 2022 minutes, as written. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved, seconded by McGinnis to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly report. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Board reports were heard and correspondence was acknowledged.

Mobius Communications General Manager, Tonya Mayer, presented an updated broadband bridge grant map, explaining where the county already has broadband and proposed areas. Mobius was granted funds that another county is no longer requesting and is asking the County for an additional \$175,000.00 matching funds. This would allow for 90% of Box Butte County to have access to broadband services. Burke moved to provide and sign a letter stating that the County of Box Butte will collaborate with Mobius and provide matching ARPA funds in the amount of \$475,000.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Murphy Tractor representative Mike Bateman informed the Board that the state bid for motor graders will expire on June 23, 2022, and that he anticipates a \$70,000.00 price increase for motor graders following the state bid expiration. Burke moved to purchase a new John Deere premium circle motor grader at a cost of \$288,000.00, with initial payment out of the Inheritance Fund and the Road/Bridge Fund will make four years of payments to the Inheritance Fund to pay for the new motor grader, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that she plans to submit a claim to MC Schaff for West Otoe Road project to be approved during the July 6, 2022 board meeting. No action taken.

Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant Sub-Award Agreement 2022-05, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Competitive HVAC bids for the Slagle building will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 4:00 p.m., July 14, 2022, with bids to be opened, awarded or rejected July 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. HVAC for the Slagle building had been an ARPA committee recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Johnston moved to table USDA Wildlife Agreement 2022-04: Annual Cooperative Services Agreement, until the Board could obtain some answers regarding shared services, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry, Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen, along with County Attorney, discussed the City/County combined dispatch services. Another option for dispatch services would be to partner with Gering, NE. Chairman Burke stated that he had been notified of a 911 Board meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m., June 21, 2022. No action taken.

