

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:07 a.m., July 6, 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, June 22, 2022. Agenda was emailed to Board members and news media and posted on the county website: boxbuttecounty.us July 1, 2022. Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order. Roll call: Patricia Johnston and Steve Burke present. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. 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.

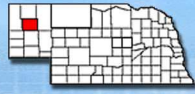
Burke moved to accept the amended agenda, timely added: discussion of procedures and steps to appoint Box Butte County Veterans Service Officer. Also adding emergency item Resolution 2022-06, in order to approve an invoice that was submitted to the office of the County Clerk and included in the agenda items of payroll/claims/invoices, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved to approve the June 21, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign monthly Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Included in correspondence was a letter of resignation from Veterans Service Committee Member Jerry Iossi. Burke moved to accept the resignation of Jerry Iossi, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Mr. Iossi was the representative of Alliance American Legion Post #7 for over 30 years. American Legion Post #7 will provide a candidate for board replacement, allowing for a quorum to interview candidates for the Box Butte County Veterans Officer.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, with one real estate correction, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve changes and correct assessments due to clerical errors as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Johnston. Approved were KT Nexgen Inc, Chad & Lisa Thomas, Equity Bank, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Alltel, Robert Jatzcak, Terry & Mary Cordell. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Representatives from BYTES Managed IT presented an assessment and possible costs for technology projects, maintenance, security, network functionality and technical support. Permission was granted for BYTES representatives to meet with those offices located outside of the courthouse. More discussion surrounding computer security and costs will be added to the July 18, 2022 agenda. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and payroll claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 125,667.92; AFLAC 2,493.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 510.14; Bank of the West 40,416.23; Box Butte County Treasurer 89,088.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 220.04; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,995.17; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,461.68; Independent Eye Care Professionals 68.88. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 40,508.81; AFLAC 177.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 8,052.11; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,433.66; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,840.46; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, updating the Board on current chip seal projects. Commissioners informed Werner Construction representative, Curt Orter, via telephone conversation that his invoice will be considered following adopting a Resolution and approving the claim for West Otoe Road project later in the board meeting.



Jake Weber came before the Board to request payment for jail plumbing services. Chairman Burke stated that the job is still not completed and County Attorney Curtiss discussed with Mr. Weber the sewer repair agreement and penalties. Chairman Burke informed Mr. Weber that the July 18, 2022 agenda will include the invoice and completion of the job discussion.

Burke moved to enter into Agreement 2022-04 with United States Department of Agriculture for Wildlife Services at an annual cost of \$22,840.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Architect Jerry Berggren and Chairman Burke had met at the courthouse to view the skylight dome over the courthouse rotunda that had been damaged by the July 2021 hail storm. At that time Mr. Berggren noted that Box Butte County may be eligible for tax credits for the skylight dome, as well as the elevator repair project. Burke made a motion to move forward with Berggren Architects submitting the tax credit proposals, any associated project fees will be contingent upon successful applications. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved to work with MIPS changing the county website to boxbuttecounty.gov as requested by the Nebraska Secretary of State office. Having a .gov address makes it more difficult to impersonate the county's website. Seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry discussed with the Board the possibility of joining dispatch services with Scottsbluff County. Estimated costs for towers, licenses, equipment and cost for one shift will need to be provided. County Attorney Curtiss will provide a Memo of Understanding and Resolution for joint services. Burke moved to pass a resolution to move forward with Scottsbluff County to provide joint dispatch services, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston allowing County Attorney Curtiss to send letter terminating the dispatch service agreement with the City of Alliance and that the County will not pay the City of Alliance for a console. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign the letter continuing services with Lutz and Company, PC for consulting services, if needed to assist with compliance procedures with regards to the ARPA funds, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

With all agenda items address, Chairman Burke called recess at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman Burke called the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION to order at 1:02 p.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston and Steve Burke present. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded the proceedings of Board of Equalization. Notice of property protest hearings were published June 22, 2022 in the Alliance Times Herald. Agenda was emailed to the Board and posted on the county website: boxbuttecounty.us on July 1, 2022.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Fred Nieman IV; Starla and Bart Endsley; not present – Jonathan Owen; not present - heard protest over the telephone from - Diane K. and James E. Olson; William Hemmer; Don Cler; Robert Buchheit; Tim Kumpf; Patricia Klemke; Spencer Brown; Rosa Vazquez; Terry Elliott; not present – Daneen Trout; not present heard protest over the telephone from Jaycee Parrett; not present - heard protest over the telephone from George Gurnett.

Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:40 p.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.



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Chairman Burke returned to regular session at 3:40 p.m., roll call: Burke and Johnston present.

Burke moved to sign Resolution 2022-06: Authorization to Exceed the Restriction of Expenditures, seconded by Johnston. Such resolution is needed in order for the County to meet statutory duties and responsibilities, as an emergency exists in order to pay Werner Construction, as a delay of payment could adversely affect the County's credit standing and potentially lead to litigation. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign and pay MC Schaff claim in the amount of \$49,392.00 and Werner Construction Inc. claim in the amount of \$3,240,381.07, for the West Otoe Road project, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

County Clerk