

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., August 15, 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, August 10, 2022. Agenda was emailed to Board members and news media and posted on the county website: [boxbuttecountyne.gov](http://boxbuttecountyne.gov) August 11, 2022. Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order. 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.

Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no public comment, Burke moved to approve and sign August 3, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Building and Grounds office report was reviewed, correspondence was acknowledged and Chairman Burke reported on meetings he had recently attended.

Two letters of interest had been received for appointment consideration to the Veteran's Service Board, from Dan Huss and Donald Sheldon. Johnston moved to appoint Donald J Sheldon to the Veteran's Service Board, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

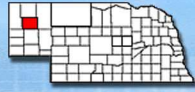
Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell provided the 2020 distress warrant list to the Board showing the amount of \$97,481.08 as uncollectible warrants returned by the Box Butte County Sheriff as required in State Section 77-1719.02. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor raising Tracy Jatczak property valuation, reflecting the increase in size of shed. Land \$8,726.00; Buildings \$2,410.00 Total \$11,136.00, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to sign the correction book, as presented by Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, correcting 2 mobile homes and accelerating 1 personal property. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Jobman, Samantha Stoltenberg, Mark Hillier and Bryan Hillier were present to discuss health plan renewal options. Burke moved to continue the health plan with RCI (Regional Care Inc) and IOA RE as the carrier contingent upon 1.5% maximum costs, and to go with Prodigy as a carrier if IOA RE does not match or beat costs, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to renew the organ & tissue transplant policy with HCC Life Insurance Company at no increase, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Employee costs will not be increased for this renewal with RCI. Brokers will obtain bids for life insurance rates to be presented and voted on during a future meeting.

Chairman Burke opened two bids for HVAC replacement at the Slagle Building. Peltz Companies, Inc. proposal in the amount \$109,000.00 and Jack's Heating, Cooling, Stoves & Fireplaces proposal in the amount of \$50,689.00. Peltz Company Product Controller Randy Hitchcock was present to answer questions regarding their proposal, stating the \$109,000.00 proposal included all electrical needed. Burke moved to award the HVAC replacement project to Jack's Heating, Cooling, Stoves & Fireplaces at a cost of \$50,689.00 not including electrical, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing fuel and equipment repairs. Burke moved to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2022 and Resolution 2022-07, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Building and Grounds employees have inventoried surplus equipment on the fourth floor of the courthouse along with surplus equipment located in the basement of the Slagle Building and the storage sheds. No action taken. Building and Grounds report included a recent letter from County Attorney Curtiss to Willdan regarding the County Courthouse HVAC system’s continued use of Glycol. No action taken.

No action taken on memo of understanding for Dispatch Services.

CreativeTek was chosen to provide computer security for the County of Box Butte during the August 3, 2022 board meeting. Two options were presented to the Board for their decision. Johnston moved to enter into the agreement with CreativeTek in the amount of \$1,899.00, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, no. Motion did not carry. Burke moved to enter into a one-year plan with CreativeTek in the amount of \$1,299.00, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, no; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With no conflict claims, Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:35 a.m., to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Johnston, McGinnis and Burke present. At 11:40 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken in regular session.

Chairman Burke called recess at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, Steve Burke present.

During budget discussion, the Board heard from Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen, Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder, Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell, Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, Extension Office Clerk Carol Kleinsasser, County Clerk Judy Messersmith, County Attorney Terry Curtiss, and Public Defender Enet Sommers-Dehaney. Discussed Planning and Zoning budget. Veteran’s Service Office budget was discussed, with Burke making a motion to increase Veteran Service Office clerical staff employee, Amy Jensen’s hourly rate to \$16.23 effective with the current pay period, this will be reflected on the September 8, 2022 payroll, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Attest:

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Chairperson

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County Clerk