

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., September 19, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of hearings and meeting were published September 14, 2022 in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 16, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, present; Mike McGinnis, absent; Steve Burke, present. Burke moved to excuse Commissioner Mike McGinnis, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. 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, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the final tax request hearing at 9:01 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith stated that three copies of the proposed budget were available for public view. At 9:16 a.m. with no members of the public speaking for or against setting the final tax request, Burke moved to close the final tax request hearing, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism or suggestions to the proposed budget at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no members of the public speaking for or against the fiscal year 2022-23 proposed budget, Burke moved to close the budget hearing and budget summary at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:31 a.m., September 19, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE, immediately following tax request hearing and budget hearing. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, present; Mike McGinnis, absent; Steve Burke, present. Johnston moved to excuse Commissioner Mike McGinnis, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2022-14: Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022-23, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

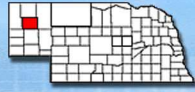
Burke moved to sign Resolution 2022-15: Setting Property Tax Request 2022-23, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve September 7, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. 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 meetings they had recently attended.

County Treasurer Val Bell presented the 2021 Tax Remaining Report, Real & Personal, All Collections Records report to the Board for their review. No action taken.

County Treasurer Bell provided an update for the annual employee appreciation dinner. This year's appreciation dinner will be held at the Hemingford American Legion on November 18, 2022. More information will be provided after arrangements are finalized.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Resolution 2022-13: placing stop signs at the intersection of CR63 and Keith Road in the southeast corner of Section 29, Township 26, Range 48 and the northwest corner of Section 33, Township 26, Range 48 was discussed. A road study and recommendation from M.C. Schaff &



Associates was provided. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to sign Resolution 2022-13. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Dennis Laughlin, retired Veteran’s Service Officer, was present to provide his opinion and recommendation for Ms. Sarah Foland to be appointed as the next Box Butte County Veteran’s Service Officer. Chairman Burke relayed his conversation with Troy Sorensen, Box Butte County Veteran’s Advisory Board President, that the Board’s recommendation would be Sarah Foland. At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Burke moved to enter into closed session to discuss personnel, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Johnston and Burke attended the closed session. Chairman Burke moved to close the closed session at 10:13 a.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With the Veteran’s Advisory Board and retired Veteran’s Service Officer’s recommendation, Burke moved to offer Sarah Foland the position of Box Butte County Veteran’s Service Officer, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

An engineer study will need to be completed before any additional work can begin to repair the elevator. Due to the elevator company measuring and ordering the wrong machine, the county has been left with an emergency situation in moving forward with repairs. An engineering company will be contacted in order to obtain a study as soon as possible. Elevator repair will continue to be an agenda item, with updates from the engineer, contractor and elevator company.

Burke moved to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding interlocal agreement for dispatch services (Agreement #2022-07) with the County of Scotts Bluff, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign service agreement 2022-06 with PowerTech LLC for emergency stand-by generating service, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No bids were received in the office of the County Clerk for courthouse and jail building roof repairs, following the July 2021 hail storm. County Attorney Curtiss will advise if this will need to be rebid.

Following review of monthly claims, Burke moved to sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk