

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., November 2, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 5, 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, November 1, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. 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. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve October 17, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence and board reports – none.

Karen Benzel with United Way provided 2020 Pre-Application for Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding. Ms. Benzel outlined that these funds would be used for backpack programs, community table, and food banks, and that Box Butte County is eligible for \$200,999.47 of federal funds. Johnston moved, seconded by McGinnis allowing Chairman Burke to sign the grant application. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston allowing the needed repairs to the 2012 Dodge Caravan, currently being used by the Veterans Office, with the Alliance Motors Unlimited estimated repair cost of \$565.94. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell provided the delinquent 2021 and prior personal property and tax list to the Board for their review. The Distress Warrants will be issued to the Box Butte County Sheriff. No action taken.

Public Defender Enet Somers-Dehaney came before the Board to request additional funding for a part-time clerical position. Burke moved allowing for \$10,000.00 to be added to a part-time clerical line in the public defender budget, with this position having no benefits and will not exceed 25 hours per week, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes, McGinnis, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried. A resolution transferring funds from Miscellaneous General to Public Defender budget will be an agenda item for the November 21, 2022 meeting.

Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to sign Resolution 2022-17 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for annual incentive payments. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing with the Board, Village of Hemingford's weight limit resolution. Discussed were the Village codes and ordinances. County Attorney Curtiss will write a letter to the Village of Hemingford regarding their proposed weight limits and truck routes. Murphy Tractor representative Mike Bateman was present to inform the Board that the 2023 John Deere 772G 6WD will be delivered soon. Mr. Bateman will provide an invoice to the Clerk's office prior to November 16, 2022 for payment during the November claims. Filter bids will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 4:00 p.m., December 5, 2022, to be awarded during the December 7, 2022 board meeting. Fuel contract bids will be discussed in December.

The Board visited with Architect Jerry Berggren via telephone conference to discuss the elevator repair/replacement options. Commissioner Johnston will contact KONE, as KONE has already received a check in the amount of \$159,144.50 dated December 8, 2021, for replacement parts. Elevator repair or possible replacement will be an agenda item for the November 21, 2022 board meeting. No action taken.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston, to sign Resolution 2022-18 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board that NIRMA is representing most of the counties involved in the law suit, Hill vs: Election Systems & Software and Box Butte County. No action taken.



Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to approve and sign payroll as presented. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 124,987.54; AFLAC 2,787.83; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 462.12; Bank of the West 40,970.13; Box Butte County Treasurer 81,856.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 418.62; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 206.16; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans 23,364.97; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,805.58; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 35,611.77; AFLAC 239.32; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 126.18; Bank of the West 6,682.06; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,215.50; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,495.88; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk