

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:02 a.m., November 21, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 9, 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 18, 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. Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve November 2, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign September and October County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence included County Attorney Curtiss providing a Memorandum Order for Case No. CI22-58 Cody Renkoski vs: Box Butte County. The board members reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell had previously approved two applications for exemption Form 457. Burke moved to approve Senior Services, Inc application for two vans, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve Holy Rosary Catholic Church application for a van, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Robinson had previously approved an exemption application form 451 for Heartland Baptist Church, as the Heartland Baptist Church had recently purchased the former Alliance Christian Church. Burke moved to approve the application, seconded by Johnston and correcting the tax year on the form from 2022 to 2023. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Bell stated that she must report Homestead tax loss in the amount of \$515,417.96 to the Board. However, this money will be returned to the county from the state in six payments. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee Lori White informed the Board that she had spoken with architect Jerry Berggren, Jock Faris/Faris Plumbing, Josh Carr/Century Link and Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Inc. regarding expansion needed for a hydraulic elevator. Commissioner Johnston had spoken to KONE and stated that KONE is working with another vendor for a solution. No action taken. Ms. White provided an update on the HVAC for the Slagle building, stating that installation had begun.

Lori White presented a verbal estimate on chimney removal cost from Ash Masonry in the amount of \$33,700.00. Robert Nation Inc. had provided an estimate to Ms. White with two options, one for removal and an option for repair. Motion made by Burke to move forward with option #1: remove chimney to roof line and repair roof where chimney was for the amount of \$28,841.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Kenneth Foster had requested to speak to the Board regarding transportation provided by the Veteran's Service Office. No action taken.

Chief Deputy JD Sutphen was present to request the purchase of a 2023 1500 Dodge pickup to replace the vehicle Sheriff Mowry is currently driving. Burke moved to approve the vehicle purchase in the amount of \$38,122.00, to be paid out of Miscellaneous General (cars and trucks line), with the used vehicle going to the road department, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, asking to hold \$5,000.00 from the Werner's Construction payment until a bump on West Otoe Road is repaired. The board discussed setting a date for the 1 & 6 year road hearing, with no decision made at this time.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign Resolution 2022-19, ratifying the \$10,000.00 transfer from Miscellaneous general to Public Defender part time clerical, and that the \$10,000.00 was for part-time salary and not be used as operating

