

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., December 19, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 7, 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, December 16, 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 December 7, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No elected officials reports or board reports. Correspondence was available for public view.

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

At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to open as BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book with two personal property corrections. Burke moved to allow signature on the correction book, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:24 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Following the Building and Grounds report from Lori White, Chairman Burke stated that he and the maintenance staff will meet with Flannel Brothers owner Patrick Hartman to establish snow removal guidelines. Burke moved allowing Faris Plumbing to install a water fountain/bottle filler in the courthouse building, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ms. White will contact Jock Faris to move forward with the installation of the water fountain/bottle filler.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan informed the Board that the road crews had been working in shifts to open roads following the recent four-day blizzard.

The courthouse was emptied of all occupants at 9:40 a.m., due to the fire alarms sounding. Following the "all clear" from the Alliance Fire Department, roll call at 10:27 a.m. Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, Steve Burke present.

Burke moved to set the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing for February 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

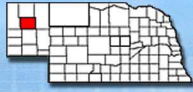
Road Superintendent Keegan had received a partial abandonment/vacation request from Larry Bauer. The Board will hold a hearing February 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., following three publications.

A Disaster Declaration from Region 23 Emergency Agency had been received in the office of the Road Department prior to the meeting. At 11:10 a.m., Burke moved to amend the agenda adding the Disaster Resolution, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the Region 23 Disaster Declaration stating Box Butte County had suffered from a blizzard occurring on December 12, 2022 and is on-going, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m., as advertised. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, absent; Mike McGinnis, present, Steve Burke, present. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present.

Jim Gardner, CPA, with Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan, presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Following the presentation of the audit, Burke moved to accept the audit, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, absent; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk