

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., April 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 22, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, April 4, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was 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 Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2331.15; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 47732.01; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 89998.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 220.72; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 204.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26059.01; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7061.95; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 7762.99; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 3.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 601.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2558.67; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1822.81; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 179896.97.

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. The Commissioners discussed the City of Alliance's proposed change to the Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction (ETJ) and if an agreement had established the original ETJ boundary. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Susan Unzicker, Alliance Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Cassandra Barth, First National Bank of Omaha Representative, spoke with the Board about the 2023 Heritage Days request for ceremonies to be held on the courthouse property. Burke moved to allow the 2023 Grand Marshal and 7th Street Dance Recital to be held on courthouse property upon approval of a Memorandum of Understanding that includes the following conditions: The ground be restored and the County is named as an additional insured party, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Senior Services, Inc presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the Architectural GlassArts contract for the proposed stained-glass project. GlassArts is willing to remove and store the stained-glass until the elevator project is completed. White is looking into scaffolding options and is to further discuss the project details with GlassArts. Burke moved to table the Architectural GlassArts contract until more information is available, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

White provided updates on the elevator project and roof replacement. Twin City Roofing has completed the roof of the Law Enforcement Center and is ½ done with the Courthouse roof. Chairman Burke asked White to inquire if site cleanup includes leveling the gravel lot. The glass in the East door to the Courthouse was chipped during the chimney removal project. The Board would like White to contact ACR Glass to assess the damage.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. Keegan presented the bidding requirements for the 2023 Armor Coat Application, both bidders met the requirements. Burke moved to accept Figgins Armor Coat Application Bid at \$.38/sq yd in the amount of \$48,091.28, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held about the feasibility of the County doing their own armor coat in the future. The two main problems identified were initial investment costs and staffing problems. Keegan has identified a grant program as a part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) offered by NDOT that would fund the replacement of stop sign and stop ahead signs. The

Board would like Keegan to move forward with applying for the grant. Chairman Burke asked Keegan to provide the Board with pricing for rock from various pits for the ¼ segment of road adjacent to Clyde Mantooth’s property. The Board would like Keegan to use the Prochazka pit as the price basis. If Mr. Mantooth wants a higher quality product, he will need to pay the cost difference.

The Extension office would like the Board to consider splitting the cost of the repair of the windshield for the Dodge Durango. As other County departments have been paying for similar vehicle expenses out of their budgets, Burke moved to have the windshield repaired with the entirety of the bill to come out of the Extension budget, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke has been in contact with UNL Extension Educator John Thomas regarding the Extension Office Manager vacancy. The Board would like John Thomas and staff to assist with the interview process, along with Commissioner Ditsch, as well as to make a recommendation to the Board for final approval.

Emergency Manager, Nan Gould with Region 23 emailed the Board the revised copy of the 2022 Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) that reflected corrections identified during the previous meeting. Sautter moved to approve Resolution 2023-04 accepting the revised 2022 LEOP, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to change the meeting start time to 8:00 a.m. for the June through September County Board meetings, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

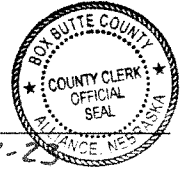
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Matt R. Bates
County Clerk



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