

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., June 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 24, 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, June 2, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Terry 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 May 15, 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 Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 46,080.01; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 91,306.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 267.03; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; JOHNSON AUTO PLAZA, INC 19,988.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 221.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25,394.92; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,670.62; 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 8,166.18; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 601.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,709.02; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,926.72; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 176581.15

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:33 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Dates were set for the Board to hear property valuation protests. Dates and times will be advertised for hearings set to begin July 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.; July 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.; July 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.; July 17, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.; and hearings/decisions to be made July 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 257 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting items previously sold for Property ID 070239355, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve claims to Peggy Dunovsky for \$968.28 and Cecilia Gonzalez for \$106.24, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve changes due to clerical errors on all properties presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Properties included Property ID Nos: 070053294; 070108986; 070208409; 070014345; 070042225; 070007985; 070030731; 070205779; 070045992; 070048681; 070003793; 070040613; 070016615; 070211884; 070019576; 070174075; 070174180; 070003114; 070037477. Sautter moved to accept the Form 457 for Iglesia Bethel submitted by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Tim Brewer was present to discuss wildlife services provided to the County. Burke moved to sign USDA Wildlife Agreement 2023-13, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson presented an amended contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. at the request of the state property tax administration. Burke moved to approve the amended contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. Agreement 2023-11, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Chairman Burke spoke with Dudley Prochazka regarding the road condition going into the Prochazka pit. Mr. Prochazka was in agreeance with the County building the road up and updating the pit agreement. Commissioner Ditsch has spoken with a neighboring county about cross-training road department members on alternative techniques.

Burke moved to table the Drug/Alcohol procedure between the Road and Sheriff Department, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Mobius Communications General Manager Tonya Mayer and Community Enhancement/Marketing Representative Joni Jespersen provided an update on the overall progress and coverage areas of the Broadband project. Burke moved to approve \$90,000.00 of ARPA Funds for the 2023 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant project, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Deputy JD Sutphen presented the Board with two quotes for new Motorola handheld and vehicle radio systems. Burke made a motion to spend \$64,675.82 from the General Fund and \$84,000.00 from the 911 Emergency Management Fund for the radio purchase with subscription fees to be paid when due with a guaranteed completed shipment of equipment, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the semi-annual HVAC Maintenance agreement until more information has been provided by P1 Service, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board asked Building and Grounds employee Lori White to contact P1 for a maintenance quote.

Burke moved to pay the upcoming Highway Bond payment in its entirety (\$267,978.75) out of the Inheritance Fund, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


The Board reviewed the sponsorship request for the LEAD Ag Adventure Tour. No action taken.

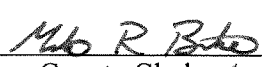
During the 2023-2024 budget discussion, the Board asked each office to try to limit overall budget increases to 2.5% or less for the preliminary budget submissions to Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson.

The Board discussed implementing employee evaluations again for employees under the direct supervision of the Commissioners starting with the June 20, 2023 meeting. At that time job descriptions will also be reviewed and updated.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:39 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk 6-20-23

