

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 20, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 7, 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 16, 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 Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the June 14, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve Resolution 2023-05 transferring \$3,289.80 to the Veteran's Aid Fund (1900). This transfer is for 21,932 miles @ \$.15 per mile driven June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to deny the City of Alliance Invoice 14374 for dispatch services in the amount of \$12,865.80 as the County and City of Alliance have agreed upon a prorated amount, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:20 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 258 as presented by Deputy County Assessor, Tiffany Elkins, to accelerate the 2023 taxes on the 2022 rate for Property ID 070173524, 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, no; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Properties included Property ID Nos: 070143315; 070143404; 070169586; 070157073. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:34 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's monthly report acknowledging the title inspections fees were \$1,070.00, but only \$1,060.00 was collected, seconded by Ditsch. 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.

John Thomas, Extension Educator, has conducted interviews for the Extension Office Manager position and has recommended Katie Carter. Burke moved to offer Katie Carter the position at \$16.50/hr with a 90-day introductory period, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Discussion was held about how road complaints should be handled and a demonstration was given on the JD Link tracking software. The Board requested that \$100,000.00 of the money available to be transferred from the road fund to the road sinking fund be applied towards the inheritance fund repayment for the John Deere Motor Grader. Stetson Shreve has expressed concerns to the Commissioners prior to the meeting about an upcoming road project extending the ditches to build up the road. The majority of the property owners along this stretch of road are in favor of this technique being utilized in order to get the road built back up.

Sautter moved to approve Agreement 2023-12 the Mutual Release of Contract Claims – Dispatch Services with the City of Alliance, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims minus the Enet Somers-Dehaney mileage allowance and Trish Hartshorn cleaning invoice, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to create an advisory board for the coordinated program management of black-tailed prairie dogs consisting of a five (5) member board and one additional non-voting Commissioner, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Letters of interest for board seats will be accepted until August 16, 2023.

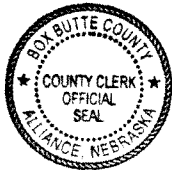
Discussion was held regarding the County employee eye care plans and enrollment numbers. Sautter made a motion to discontinue Vision Care Direct and start offering VSP NACO Block, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Choice Gas Program Constellation selection resulted in the County receiving two \$25.00 Amazon gift cards. Burke moved to have one office raffle for the two gift cards to be used for the purchase of office supplies, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The P1 Service and Rasmussen maintenance proposals were reviewed. Building and Grounds employee Lori White had expressed concerns prior to the meeting about the exterior chiller needing to be pressure washed annually. Burke moved to table the semi-annual HVAC Maintenance agreement until more information is available, 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 12:36 p.m.



Steve Burke Attest: Mike R Bto  
Chairperson County Clerk 7-5-23