

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., July 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 21, 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, July 3, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, absent; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Burke moved to excuse Commissioner Mike Sautter, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were 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, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Burke. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 45,619.96; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 91,202.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 218.10; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 24,619.44; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,636.46; 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 6,915.27; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,360.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,364.43; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,594.16; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 170,582.35

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Architect Jerry Berggren requested to have the elevator bid date moved from June 27th, 2023 to July 25th, 2023 to give the elevator companies additional time to put together a bid proposal. Burke moved to ratify the elevator project bid due date to July 25, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to designate the Nebraska State Print Shop for the LB644 postcard printing if needed, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the NIRMA settlement for the July 9, 2021 claim, Agreement 2023-14, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding reminding each department about large expenditures being made prior to the adoption of the FY 23-24 budget.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Form 451 for the Church of the Holy Rosary as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to sign correction book No. 259 as presented, accelerating the 2023 taxes at the 2022 tax rate for Property ID 070196575, seconded by Burke. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 8:20 a.m., to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke and Ditsch were present. At 8:48 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the Board with the ARPA committee recommendations for the upcoming year to include a commercial washer and dryer for the jail, the tree removal on the south side of the courthouse block, the courthouse sidewalks, and cement work at the Alliance Road Department shop. Burke moved to table the ARPA committee recommendations until July 17, 2023, seconded by Ditsch.

Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. During the June 22, 2023 ARPA committee meeting, Deputy JD Sutphen picked the County Treasurer out of a bucket to be the winner of two \$25.00 Amazon gift cards from Constellation rewarded during the Choice Gas Selection period. Treasurer Bell has provided the Clerk’s office with the Amazon receipt.

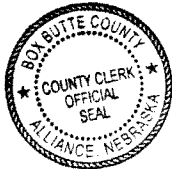
Stetson Shreve, 1781 CR 74, Hemingford, NE 69348, discussed the overall conditions of the roads, expressing safety concerns and grading frequency. Mr. Shreve also inquired about the possibility of individual land owners grading roads. Deputy County Attorney Curtiss explained that the roads are owned by the County and the Commissioners have placed Highway Superintendent Barb Keegan in charge of day-to-day operations. Private road maintenance is not a feasible approach after all the factors are taken into consideration. Brian Jelinek, 7006 Madison Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, would like to see reported bad spots in the roads repaired quicker and the road graders monitored closer.



Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. William Figgins with Figgins Construction was present to discuss repairing the cracks on West Otoe Road. The Board would prefer the MC3000 over the MC800. The Board would like Keegan to go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the area trucking providers for the hauling of chipstone to repair West Otoe Road to be opened in the Clerk’s office on July 13, 2023 at 3:55 p.m. with a decision to be made on July 17, 2023. The Board also requested Keegan put out an RFP for fuel bids due in the Clerk’s office by July 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with a decision to be made during the July 17, 2023 meeting.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed removing the dying bush located in front of the Slagle building sign on the corner. The Board would like to see this project combined with the courthouse tree removal project.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



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