

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 9:00 a.m., October 16, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 11, 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, October 13, 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. Ditsch moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the October 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No elected official reports were submitted. 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 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19 fiscal year 2023-2024 levies, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) representative, Walker Zulkoski, gave the Board a brief overview of NPAIT and addressed questions about the money market fund, returns on investment, and current interest rates.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims minus the court appointed juvenile fees for Enet Somers-DeHaney, which is to be tabled until November 20, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Berggren and Leroy Svatora with Berggren Architects were available by phone to discuss the elevator bid submitted by Fuller Construction Company, LLC. Berggren informed the Board that upon acceptance of an elevator bid, it will still take at least 30 weeks for the elevator to arrive. With the project bid coming in higher than expected, it has been recommended by Berggren to pull the current state historic tax credit application and resubmit the project for the full amount. The tax credit application can include up to six months of planning fees incurred prior to the project starting. Burke moved to accept the elevator bid from Fuller Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,480,500.00 with the contingency that the owner listed on the Bid Bond document be updated to the County, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

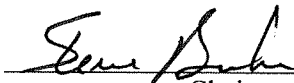
Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board has asked Keegan to try to complete the ingress/egress road work at the Prochazka Pit this week. Keegan is going to look into the possibility of implementing a water softener system to run with the Hotsy pressure washer.

Sautter moved for Chairman Burke to cast the ballot on behalf of the County during the NACO December Election, with Commissioner Sautter as the designee in the event that Chairman Burke is unable to attend, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided the Board with an update from the P1 Service maintenance trip. The majority of the time was spent rewiring pipes and replacing a pump that went down on the Assessor's unit. They will provide more extensive computer training in the Spring.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:46 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk 11-6-23

