

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., November 20, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 8, 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, November 17, 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. Sautter moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the November 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the Sheriff’s monthly reports for August, September, and October, 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.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for the Church of the Holy Rosary presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. 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.

City of Alliance Manager, Seth Sorensen, approached the Board about snow removal for the Business Improvement District (BID) and collection of fees for that service. Treasurer Bell and Deputy County Attorney Curtiss both expressed concerns about applying a special assessment and would prefer to see the fees levied. Snow removal around the perimeter of the Courthouse and Slagle properties would be included for the County in exchange for the collection of said fees. Burke moved to approve the implementation of the BID and its levy to include the Courthouse as soon as an agreement is reached between the City and the County, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bell provided the delinquent 2022 and prior personal property and tax list to the Board for review. The Distress Warrants will be issued to the Box Butte County Sheriff. Deputy Attorney Curtiss asked Treasurer Bell and Assessor Michelle Robinson to start pursuing the foreclosure process. No action taken.

Treasurer Bell presented the Homestead Loss Report, numbers were high this year due to an increase in applicants and higher average assessed values. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board has directed Keegan to go out for diesel fuel bids with options for 15,000 gallons and 30,000 gallons to be awarded during the December 18th, 2023 Commissioner meeting. Bids are due in the Clerk’s office by 8:30 a.m. on December 18th, 2023.

Deputy County Attorney Curtiss recommended that the Board wait until County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present to make a decision regarding the Maximus agreement. Burke moved to table the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Agreement 2023-23 until December 6, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2023-22 correcting the overtime calculation language in the Box Butte County Employee Handbook, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Page 23 shall read “Vacation does not count as hours worked for the purposes of calculating overtime.”

Burke moved to approve and sign Agreement 2023-22 with Audrey Long and Agreement 2023-24 with Stacy Bach for Public Defender services with the typographical error to be corrected in paragraph 12, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

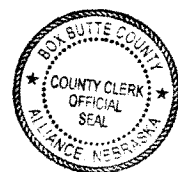
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Martie R. Bell
County Clerk



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