

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., December 6, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting and the notices of Conditional Use Permit Public Hearings were published November 22, 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, December 5, 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, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 650.70; AFLAC 2,782.46; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 282.20; BMO BANK NA 42,540.98; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90,764.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 224.46; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 202.96; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 309.71; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 23,888.70; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,112.62; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 6,779.45; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 100.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,291.98; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,578.88 **NET PAYROLL:** 158,709.54.

Burke moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Extension, and Veteran Service Office reports, 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 set the **2024 Regular Board Meetings** and **2024 Holidays** as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

#### Meetings

January 3, 2024; January 17, 2024; February 5, 2024; February 21, 2024; March 6, 2024; March 20, 2024; April 3, 2024; April 17, 2024; May 6, 2024; May 15, 2024; June 5, 2024; June 17, 2024; July 3, 2024; July 17, 2024; August 5, 2024; August 21, 2024; September 4, 2024; September 18, 2024; October 2, 2024; October 16, 2024; November 6, 2024; November 20, 2024; December 4, 2024; December 18, 2024.

#### Holidays

New Year's Day	January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day	January 15, 2024
President's Day	February 19, 2024
Arbor Day	April 26, 2024
Memorial Day	May 27, 2024
Juneteenth	June 19, 2024
Independence Day	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	September 2, 2024
Columbus Day	October 14, 2024
Veteran's Day	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	November 28, 2024
Day after Thanksgiving	November 29, 2024
Christmas	December 25, 2024

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book Nos. 265 and 266 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, removing the value for property that is centrally assessed for Property ID 070194564 and removing an exempt property from the tax roll for Property ID 070241163, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to close BOARD

OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve and sign the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Agreement 2023-23, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to set the One & Six Year Road Plan Hearing for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Keegan noted there are several locations throughout the County that property owners have began to encroach on the designated right-of-way (ROW). The Board would like to see the County begin reclaiming the ROW.

Triangle Electric has looked at the jail generator and provided the following options: to repair the motor for \$700.00 or to change the system to an all-electric unit for \$1,500.00. With plans to purchase a self-contained unit in the future, the Board opted to repair the motor for \$700.00.

County Attorney Curtiss has been working with the County Sheriff's office and the City of Alliance to draft an Interlocal Agreement for Call Volume Management that will be retroactive to October 1, 2023. A final copy of the Agreement will be available for review during the December 18, 2023 Commissioner's meeting.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Viaero Wireless at 10:09 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Kyle DeNardo, Site Acquisition Specialist with Viaero Wireless, was present and has submitted a request to replace an existing wireless telecommunications facility. New regulations have mandated that the equipment be upgraded to be in compliance. The proposed tower will extend the overall height from 52 feet to 60 feet.

Burke moved to close the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Viaero Wireless at 10:14 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the conditional use permit for Viaero Wireless, CUP 2023-01, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Blake Wohlers at 10:16 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Johnson presented on behalf of Mr. Wohlers who is requesting a conditional use permit to operate a used car lot, as well as a vehicle repair shop. At the request of the Planning Commission, Mr. Wohlers has provided a survey to designate the exact 10 Acres he plans to utilize for these services. As the ranch has historical value as a whole, Mr. Wohlers is not able to divide any parcels of land.

Burke moved to close the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Blake Wohlers at 10:21 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the conditional use permit for Blake Wohlers, CUP 2023-02, with the condition that Mr. Wohlers obtain his Nebraska Vehicle Dealers License and provide a copy to Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Johnson addressed the need for an updated Comprehensive Plan for Box Butte County, as the current plan is over 20 years old. The Board has asked Johnson to obtain quotes for an updated Comprehensive Plan from at least three different entities as soon as possible.

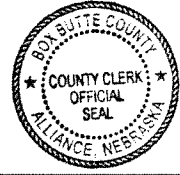
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Burke moved to reopen the meeting at 10:41 a.m. for the Building and Grounds report, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the overall condition of the upholstery on several of the chairs located at the DMV and within the Courthouse. The Board has asked White to work with the Custom Shop to get the DMV chairs reupholstered for \$400.00. White was also asked to take inventory of the conditions of the remaining chairs located in the Courthouse.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



*Eric Burke*  
Chairperson

Attest:

*Mel R. Bho*  
County Clerk 12-18-23