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., March 20, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 6, 2024, 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, March 19, 2024. 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.

Sautter moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – March 20, 2024; Minutes – March 6, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to surplus the following equipment from the Sheriff's Department: 8 TCP Guns, 13 magazines, 7 holsters, 11 10-count CO2 cartridges, 15 10-count Nitrogen cartridges, 850 rounds inert balls, 70 rounds Live X balls, and 90 rounds Live balls, seconded by Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to go out for Request For Proposals (RFP) for the concrete repair at the Road Department shop located on Howard Street to be due back in the Road Department shop by April 15, 2024 with action to be taken April 17, 2024 and all work to be completed by September 1, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Charlene Stephenson submitted a request for an extension for the Form 451 application for East Point Horspice, as she failed to get the application submitted to the Assessor's office prior to the deadline. Burke moved to allow the Form 451 Permissive Exemption extension request by Charlene Stephenson, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to deny the Form 451 Exemption Application for Charlene Stephenson as the property must be owned by a charitable organization (East Point Horspice), seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The TERC petition requesting alternative assessment methods for Rosewood Estates I and II was granted. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Human Services, Inc presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:33 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has been asked to move forward with obtaining informal bids on a ¾-ton truck, with bids to be received prior to the April 3, 2024 meeting. The Commissioners would like Keegan to leave the 10-ton Weight Limit Restriction signs in place for now.

Keegan presented the bidding requirements for the 2024 Armor Coat Application and Hauling. Burke moved to accept the Armor Coat Hauling Bid from Roes Farms Trucking LLC at \$20.00/ton in the amount of \$25,000.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Armor Coat Application Bid from Topkote, Inc at \$.369/sq yd in the amount of \$41,339.80, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Figgins bid for application remained unopened and was rejected as it was submitted to the wrong address and received after the deadline.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, showed the Commissioners the existing marble and the proposed sample. Fuller Construction anticipates the project start date to be three to four weeks out.

One bid was submitted for the Box Butte County Courthouse Sidewalk project by Peltz Companies, Inc. Costsharing the curb and gutter portion of the project will be presented to the Alliance City Council for consideration. Burke moved to accept the bid from Peltz Companies, Inc with \$77,694.00 to be paid for with ARPA funds and the remaining \$33,530.00 to be paid out of the Inheritance fund, to be repaid by the City of Alliance pending approval by the City Council, 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 10:03 a.m.

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Chairperson County Clerk 4-3-24