

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., April 17, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 3, 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, April 16, 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 – April 17, 2024; Minutes – April 3, 2024; Claims. The reimbursement to Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson for expenses incurred at the NPZA conference is to be a one-time payment to provide further education related to the Comprehensive Plan update.; Elected Officials and Office Reports –Sheriff; Correspondence.

Public comment: Marlyn Wilcox, 2338 Rainbow Acres, Alliance, NE, spoke with the Board about the overall condition of E Otoe Road and the increasing number of potholes.

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457's for VSL Alliance Assisted Living LLC and VSL Alliance LLC presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board would like these two organizations to provide additional supportive documentation with future exemption applications. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Sautter. 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 ordering the Flex Wing Rotary Mower from Alliance Tractor. The Board would also like Keegan to go out for Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2025 Tractor Lease, with action to be taken on May 6, 2024.

Beth Ferrell and Peggy Brass with NACO discussed upcoming board workshops and provided legislative updates.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan went out for RFPs for the cement repair project located at the Alliance Road Department Shop (101 Howard St.). Proposals were received from R & J Industries and Walter Mischnick Contractors. Burke moved to approve the cement repair project proposal from R & J Industries for \$19,561.00, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Planning Commission currently has one opening for a three-year term and a two-year term created by the resignation of Jim Weber. Sautter moved to appoint Rich Smith to a three-year term on the Box Butte County Planning Commission, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to change the meeting start time to 8:00 a.m. for the June through September County Board meetings, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's office would like to apply for a Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) grant for new computer MDT's (Getac B360G2) for the patrol vehicles and has requested funding assistance from the Commissioners. Burke moved to accept the computer proposal from Code3 Technology in the amount of \$46,512.00, with \$16,512.00 to be paid out of the Sheriff/Jail fund and the remaining \$30,000.00 to be paid out of the Inheritance fund, to be repaid upon receipt of the NDOT grant, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The ARPA Committee met on April 15, 2024 and submitted the following list of priority projects: 1. VSO: Vehicle 2. Sheriff: Bodycams and In Car Video 3. Road: Hemingford Shop 60' x 80' 4. RFID Door Security System 5. Slagle Egress Windows 6. 5th Street Driveway. Burke moved to approve the purchase of Body Cams and In Car Video from Code3 Technology up to \$88,200.00 out of the ARPA fund, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the purchase of a VSO vehicle up to \$45,000.00 out of the ARPA fund, the purchase is to be made from the state bid unless a local dealer is lower, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board would like to obtain bids/RFP for items 3 and 5, a quote from Applied Connective for item 4, and to evaluate the current condition of item 6.

Paul Strommen, Legislative District 47 candidate, was unable to attend the meeting due to the Box Butte County Courthouse being a polling site for early voting. No action taken.

Flannel Brothers submitted a snow removal contract proposal. The Board would like to go out for bids for the Courthouse and Slagle sidewalk snow removal. No action taken.

Chelsie Hoagland, County Clerk Magistrate, has been working with Berggren Architects on a potential redesign of the County Court front counter. The Board would like Hoagland to reach out to the City for compliance standards and proceed with getting an estimate based on the information received. No action taken.

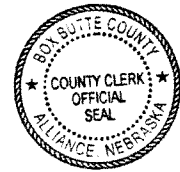
Burke moved to approve the transfer of ownership of the courtroom technology identified in Equipment List – Box Butte County J220440159 from the State of Nebraska to Box Butte County, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Election Commissioner Martie Burke has been working with the Nebraska Secretary of State’s office on a HAVA Election Security Grant: Agreement 2024-04, the County has been awarded up to \$5,850.00. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$4,958.38, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, has been working with P1 Service, LLC on HVAC maintenance. Taylor Clare, P1 Technician, discussed electronic control checks for the systems pressure and temperature. Clare will setup temperature alerts, but White will still have to check the pressure gauges manually. Fuller is anticipated to be on-site working on the elevator April 24, 2024.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:24 p.m.



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Chairperson

Attest: Martie R. Burke
County Clerk 5-6-24