

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 9:04 a.m., May 6, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 24, 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, May 3, 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 (updated to reflect changes that went into effect on 4-17-24) posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Ditsch moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – May 6, 2024; Minutes – April 17, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 47532.42; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 89478.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 247.63; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 228.33; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 206.26; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 306.73; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26714.45; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6663.18; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7331.63; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 120.28; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2470.76; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1679.40; **NET PAYROLL:** 178005.64; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Clerk of the District Court; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items.

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Iglesia Bethel submitted by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss has asked the Board to consider requesting a full panel for Cheema's TERC appeal. Burke moved to leave the Shiers appeal as a single panel and to take Cheema's appeal to a full panel, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Robinson provided an update on the Alliance Commercial Show-Cause Hearing. TERC has made a ruling that the Alliance Commercial building values require a decrease of 6%. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson is concerned about the lack of service the Assessor's office is receiving from the current GIS service provider GWorks. Robinson is exploring alternative options and wants to consider the possibility of switching to Schneider Geospatial when the GWorks contract expires next year. No action taken.

Robinson would like to bring in a special consultant to handle the 2025 reevaluation of feedlots as these are not her area of expertise. Central Plains Valuation, LLC has provided an estimate for review, values, and defense of values for 30 feedlot parcels (those with 100 head plus) in the amount of \$24,000.00. The Commissioners would like Robinson to obtain additional estimates prior to making any decisions. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan discussed bid specifications for the proposed Hemingford Shop. The Board would like to further discuss obtaining a general contractor or engineer to provide detailed specifications for this project at the next meeting.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-04, the removal of the weight restriction limit signs located on Perkins Road, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Keegan received one RFP for the 2025 Tractor Lease at the same hourly rate as 2024. Burke moved to accept the RFP from Alliance Tractor for the 2025 Tractor Lease at a rate of \$14.00/hour, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

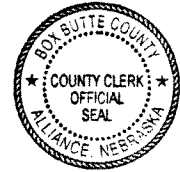
Burke moved to accept the Robert Nation Inc. Masonry estimate in the amount of \$9,640.00 for tuck point repairs at the Alliance Maintenance Shop, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Sautter moved to change the Commissioner meeting scheduled on September 18, 2024 to September 16, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

TK Elevator Corporation replaced the CLC and PCB Boards on the Slagle elevator last week, however the PCB Door Board has gone out and also needs to be replaced to be operational. Burke moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$3,054.07, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update regarding the beam that was restricting the 4th floor elevator door size. Fuller and Berggren Architects have established that this beam will not be load bearing with the reconstruction and that a full-size door can be installed.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

M. R. Bledsoe
County Clerk 5-15-24