

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., May 15, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 1, 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 14, 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 Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – May 15, 2024; Minutes – May 6, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:18 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to accept the State of Nebraska Crime Commission Grant 25-CB-0501, Agreement 2024-05, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Valery Bell provided an ARPA committee project update noting the VSO van has been ordered from Wolf Ford of Alliance. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update that they are in the process of removing the car from the shaft. The Board asked White to contact Delphie Montanez to collect any scrap steel.

Richard Otto, 1203 Box Butte Ave, Alliance, NE 69301, spoke with the Board about extending the office space lease agreement for 107 East 5th St, Alliance, NE that ends on June 30, 2024. The Board asked Otto to draft a one-year extension agreement for \$1,650.00/month to be considered during the June 5, 2024 Commissioner meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Traffic counters have been set out and Robert Nation Inc. has started tuck pointing the Alliance Road Shop.

Keegan presented a modified RFP for professional services – general contractor for the Hemingford Shop project. Proposals should be submitted to the Alliance Road Shop by 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2024 and will be evaluated by a Commissioner and Keegan on June 7, 2024 and brought before the Board on June 17, 2024.

Chief Jailer Shane Teichmeier and Correction Officer Sandy St. John have employees that need to attend jail school and have requested they be allowed to do so in Scottsbluff rather than Grand Island. Burke moved to send one correction officer to Scottsbluff for two weeks of jail school, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson received three RFPs for the Comprehensive Plan from Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC, Marvin Planning Consultants (MPC), and Five Rule Rural Planning. The Planning Commission threw out the proposal from Five Rule Rural Planning. Johnson was unable to provide adequate reasoning as to why this plan was removed from consideration and not evaluated. The Planning Commission has recommended the proposal from Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC. Burke moved to table the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan until June 5, 2024 to obtain further information, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

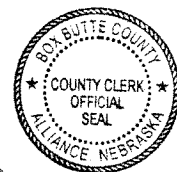
On April 22, 2024, the Planning Commission approved a moratorium on any new commercial solar energy development for a two-year period or until the Comprehensive Plan has been updated. Sautter moved to ratify the recommendation by the Planning Commission for a moratorium to be placed on the development of commercial energy production from May 15, 2024 through April 22, 2026 or until the Comprehensive Plan has been completed, unless the project has been approved by the County Commissioners, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Marta R. Beto
County Clerk



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