

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 8:00 a.m., June 5, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 22, 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, June 4, 2024. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Terry 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.

Ditsch 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 – June 5, 2024; Minutes – May 15, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 47946.58; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 94190.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 325.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26666.35; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6809.79 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7854.86; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 120.28; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2605.49; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1823.68 **NET PAYROLL:** 179546.43; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and VSO; Correspondence.

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

Public comment (8:07 a.m. – 8:18 a.m.): Marlyn Wilcox, 2338 Rainbow Acres, Alliance, NE, spoke with the Board about the overall condition of E Otoe Road, the quality of the repairs, and the progress of the repair work.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Deputy Assessor Tiffany Elkins presented Board Notices for properties identified to have clerical errors and to be over/under valued. Burke moved to approve the Board Notices for Property IDs 070244065, 070023549, and 070010161 and to table Property ID 070157065 until the June 17, 2024 meeting, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to hear property valuation protests starting at 8:00 a.m. on the following days: July 8, 2024; July 10, 2024; July 12, 2024; and for hearings/decisions to be made July 15, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Senior Services, Inc presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Department Office Manager Karna Hansen provided a road and equipment report. The Board has directed the Road Department to go out for diesel fuel bids with options for 15,000 gallons and 30,000 gallons to be awarded during the June 17, 2024 Commissioner meeting. Bids are due in the Clerk's office by 8:00 a.m. on June 17, 2024.

Jim Gardner, CPA, with Casey Peterson, presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Following the presentation, Burke moved to accept the audit, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve Agreement 2024-06, MJLC, LLC Commercial Lease, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Comprehensive Plan RFPs were discussed in further detail with Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson presenting the Planning Commissions process of elimination that resulted in a recommendation for Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC. Planning Commission members Marilyn Lore - D11 Meadows, Alliance, NE and Jerry Underwood - 6381 Lincoln Rd, Alliance, NE echoed Johnson's preference to work with Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC. Sautter moved to accept the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan from Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC with plans to revisit the Zoning Regulations after the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, no. Motion carried.

VSO Foland has reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Grant County for VSO services and would like to see the monthly billing structure and Federal Veterans programs included in the new agreement. Foland believes the

current monthly fee covers all expenses incurred by Box Butte County and is in-line with similar agreements in this region. The Board asked Foland to provide the County Attorney with the suggested changes. No action taken.

Mobius Communications General Manager Tonya Mayer and Community Enhancement/Marketing Representative Joni Jespersen provided an update on the overall progress and coverage areas of the Broadband project. The 2023 application was denied due to discrepancies in coverage that dropped the priority level to a tier three project, therefore the previous match contribution from Box Butte County was not spent. Burke moved to approve \$90,000.00 of match to Mobius Communications for the 2024 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant project, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Tim Brewer was present to discuss wildlife services provided to the County. Burke moved to sign USDA Wildlife Agreement 2024-07, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-04, the Box Butte County Prairie Dog Management Plan, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

TK Elevator Corporation replaced the PCB Door Board; however, the elevator is still not operational and the PCB Main Sensor Selector needs to be replaced. Sautter moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$3,111.56, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update noting Fullers have removed the elevator car, but no other work has been done since May 15, 2024.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ryan Dannar would like to surplus the in-car video systems once the new ones have been installed; the Board requested an equipment list be provided at that time. No action taken.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:08 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:15 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Mike Stodden, SM Enterprises, LLC, was unavailable to attend the meeting, but relayed he would like to continue the current lease agreement for the space utilized by DHHS. No action taken.

During the 2024-2025 budget discussion, Burke moved to notify department heads to limit overall budget increases to 4% or less which includes a 5% increase in wages for all non-elected officials with the intention that longevity pay will cease, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

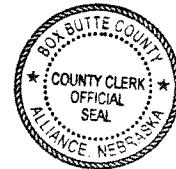
With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Michelle R. Bledsoe

County Clerk



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