

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., September 16, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 4, 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, September 13, 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.

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 – September 16, 2024; Minutes – September 4, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Sheriff; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:11 a.m. – 8:21 a.m.).

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

Due to the NACO Annual Conference, Sautter moved to change the Commissioner meeting scheduled on December 18, 2024 to December 16, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table Applied Connective VoIP Phone Services until more information is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan discussed the variance request that has been submitted regarding the proposed Hemingford shop to be reviewed on September 17, 2024. The Board has directed Keegan to go out for crack seal bids to be awarded at the October 16, 2024 Commissioner meeting. Bids are due in the Clerk’s office by 8:45 a.m. on October 11, 2024.

Jim Keegan, Region 23 Emergency Management Deputy, was present to assist with the completion of the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan questionnaires to be submitted by Barb Keegan.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:13 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:17 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Sandy St. John, Box Butte County Correction Officer, has requested to open a bank account to manage funds generated by the implementation of TurnKey Corrections in the Box Butte County Jail. Burke moved to allow the Box Butte County Jail to open a bank account to manage the TurnKey Corrections funds at First National Bank of Omaha, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff JD Sutphen has requested to surplus the in-car camera systems that were recently replaced. Burke moved to surplus seven (7) Watchguard video systems to be sold at the Sheriffs discretion, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the timesheet return process due to the short turnaround time for payroll. Previous boards established the timesheets were to be returned by no later than 10:00 a.m., however several offices are failing to meet that deadline. The Board decided if this continues to be a problem, the policy will be amended and those departments that do not return timesheets in a timely manner will not be paid until the following meeting.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided a building update noting Fullers have started pouring the elevator foundation.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:40 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk 10-2-24

