

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., October 2, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 18, 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, October 1, 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 remove correspondence from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – October 2, 2024; Minutes – September 16, 2024, September 23, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 46041.02; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 92614.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 335.66; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25823.01; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6400.63 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7424.12; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2174.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 152.12; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2554.41; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1688.14 **NET PAYROLL:** 173524.80; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Extension.

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.).

Correspondence – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of updating the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Box Butte County. This information will be passed along to PREMA and the Village of Hemingford for additional review/comment. Panhandle Public Health District will be offering flu and covid shots from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on October 28, 2024 in the basement of the Slagle building.

Region 1 Office Manager, Michelle Fries, and Justice Services Coordinator, Brandi Brunz, provided an overview of the services available in Box Butte County and discussed the Stepping Up Initiative.

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

Shawn Hunter presented two complaint forms the Prairie Dog Management Board has recommended for force control: Complaint 2024-04: SW1/4 (S-T-R: 12-24N-47W); Complaint 2024-07: (S-T-R: 12-24N-48W). Burke moved to start the forced control process on Prairie Dog Management Complaints 2024-04 and 2024-07, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The County employee appreciation dinner will be held on November 15, 2024. County Treasurer, Valery Bell, will provide price options at the next meeting.

County Treasurer Bell presented the 2023 Tax Remaining Reports: Real & Personal, All Collections Records for the Board to review. No action taken.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2024-14 Operation Green Light, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board would like to move forward with obtaining rock from Brian Jelinek's pit at \$12.00/ton with a loader included.

Corrections Officer (CO), Sandy St. John, would like to rehire former CO Tracy Stark. No action taken.

CO St. John has requested permission to sell nicotine pouches through the jail commissary. Burke moved to table the nicotine pouch discussion until a management plan is presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

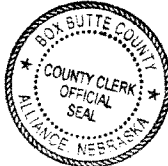
The jail has a fire panel that was fried during the testing cycle last week and would like approval to purchase a replacement panel. Sautter moved to table the fire panel discussion until replacement costs are presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update discussing the status of the County Court countertop change order. The Board is unable to signoff until a change order is provided detailing the cost.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:50 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:00 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the October elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects attended via zoom.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



Steve Burke  
Chairperson

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County Clerk 10-16-24