

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 16, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 2, 2024. Notice of the Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing was published October 9, 2024, both in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavits of publication have been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, October 15, 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 Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – October 16, 2024; Minutes – October 2, 2024; Claims; Correspondence.

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

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-15 fiscal year 2024-2025 levies, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:24 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mischnick, Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders, provided an update on the proposed Hemingford Shop including the site layout and an estimate. The Board would like Mischnick to prepare an estimate for the November 20th meeting that includes a not to exceed figure.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has been asked to move forward with Red Beard Garage overhauling the 2009 Kenworth T800 with aftermarket parts.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit 2024-01 PUBLIC HEARING for Tillman Infrastructure at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Curt Walter, Tillman Infrastructure, has submitted a request for a new 295' wireless telecommunications tower and facility for Verizon Wireless.

Sautter moved to close the Conditional Use Permit 2024-01 PUBLIC HEARING for Tillman Infrastructure at 10:14 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the conditional use permit for Tillman Infrastructure, CUP 2024-01, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The publication responsibilities of Planning and Zoning related matters was discussed. The Board was in agreeance that Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson is responsible for the publication of all Planning and Zoning related matters, including all publications required for matters to be heard/acted on by the County Commissioners.

Burke moved to allow Treasurer Valery Bell to make all the arrangements for the County Appreciation Dinner not to exceed \$50.00/person with up to one guest per employee with the date to be determined based on venue availability, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to allow Road Superintendent Keegan to go out for informal bids for a semi to be submitted to the Road Department by November 1, 2024 and to be reviewed by the Commissioners for action on November 6, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No crack seal bids were submitted by the October 11, 2024 deadline. No action taken.

Burke moved to allow Road Superintendent Keegan to go out for informal bids for crack sealing with action to be taken on November 6, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved for Chairman Burke to cast the ballot on behalf of the County during the NACO December Election, with Treasurer Bell as the designee in the event that Chairman Burke is unable to attend, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Stepping Up Initiative Mental Illness Resolution 2024-16, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Agreement, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to go out for snow removal contract bids for the 2024-25 season in its entirety with bids to be submitted to the Clerk’s office by 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2024 and to be reviewed by the Commissioners for action on November 20, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:30 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:38 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:38 a.m., for pending litigation related to tort claims, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter were present. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss joined the executive session at 12:01 p.m. Burke moved to close executive session for pending litigation related to tort claims at 12:35 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder submitted a cost proposal for his role in the enforcement of the Prairie Dog Management Plan. Commissioners discussed the initial setup fees incurred during the establishment of the program, as well as the ongoing enforcement costs. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Mike R. Bels
County Clerk

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