

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., November 6, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 23, 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, November 5, 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 approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – November 6, 2024; Minutes – October 16, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2860.81; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 250.16; BMO BANK NA 49881.24; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 92744.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 326.04; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 27550.77; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7128.49 **ROAD:** AFLAC 355.91; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7861.80; 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 2664.20; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1823.29 **NET PAYROLL:** 183532.81; Correspondence; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Extension, Sheriff (2), and Zoning (2).

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:16 a.m.).

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

County Surveyor, Scott Bosse, discussed the alignment of the survey corners and the county roads specific to Township 27 Range 48. This matter will be placed on the November 20, 2024 meeting agenda.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan will contact MC Schaff to complete a drainage study for 2500 CR71. Three semi bids were accepted, but ultimately denied as the overall condition of the vehicles did not meet department needs. The Board has asked Keegan to go out for another RFP for semi bids to be due November 15th, 2024 in the Alliance Road Shop with a decision to be made on November 20th, 2024. Keegan has looked into the possibility of a full-service lease with MHC out of Cheyenne. At this time, leasing a semi is not a cost-effective approach. One crack seal bid was received after the deadline, but prior to the meeting. Burke moved to allow the bid submitted by Highway Improvements, Inc to be opened as it was postmarked before the deadline, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the informal bid from Highway Improvements, Inc at \$1.53/Lineal Foot, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2024-17 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Hemingford Shop Agreement 2024-14 with Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders with a maximum building cost of \$626,000.00, no approval of change order, and the payment from the ARPA fund not to exceed \$578,231.29, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:03 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:10 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Sautter moved to approve the rehire of the former jail employee, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff JD Sutphen provided updates on the conditions of the jail facility and has been asked to obtain estimates for the implementation of an upgraded switchboard operating system for the doors and lights.

Sutphen has been in discussion with the Village of Hemingford to update the law enforcement services interlocal agreement to include price increases and no additional services. The County Attorney will work with Sutphen to present an updated agreement or an addendum to the existing agreement.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the November elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects, was in attendance; Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects attended, via zoom.

Burke moved to approve Construction Change Directives 001-006 provided on one AIA document, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update noting the fourth floor has limited access due to the demolition.

VSO Sarah Foland has requested an upgraded premium license to incorporate necessary email encryptions. Burke moved to approve the Applied Connective upgrade for two users to be paid for out of the cybersecurity services line item located in the general fund, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the SDL request submitted by Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC for the Sip and Shop event at the West Side Event Center, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the SDL request for the Box Butte County Fair Board until the paperwork is presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Valery Bell provided the delinquent 2023 and prior personal property and tax list to the Board for review. The Distress Warrants will be issued to the Box Butte County Sheriff. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve the Auditor Engagement Agreement 2024-13 with Casey Peterson CPAs & Financial Advisors with the corrected dates, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

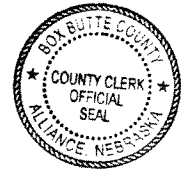
Burke moved to open the Prairie Dog Force Control Hearing for Joe Weber at 12:04 p.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close the Prairie Dog Force Control Hearing for Joe Weber at 12:08 p.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken; Mr. Weber did not attend.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

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County Clerk



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