

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., April 23, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 9, 2025, 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, April 22, 2025. 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.

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 – April 23, 2025; Minutes – April 2, 2025; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:17 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to provide a letter of support for the BEAD Grant application being submitted by Mobius, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 287 as presented by Deputy Assessor Tiffany Elkins, removing the homestead exemption for Property ID 070021740, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's office and the Box Butte County Sheriff's office Agreement 2025-03, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the Triangle Electric surge suppressor until more information is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Road Department Office Manager Karna Hansen provided a road and equipment report. Sautter moved to table declaring a vehicle surplus until more information is available, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

VSO Sarah Foland discussed renewing the Grant County VSO Interlocal Agreement. The Board asked Foland to include a 5% personnel increase to cover anticipated cost of living adjustments. No action taken.


Burke moved to discontinue offering the Ameritas Vision plan at the end of current contract term and to provide assistance to the employees that are currently enrolled that would like to transition to the VSP Vision One plan during open enrollment, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


Burke moved to proclaim May 2025 Mental Health Month, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to change the meeting start time to 8:00 a.m. for the June through September County Board meetings, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:10 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:40 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:54 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk

5-7-25

