

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., May 7, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 23, 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, May 6, 2025. 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 – May 7, 2025; Minutes – April 23, 2025; Payroll/Claims/Invoices (Ratifying May 5, 2025) - **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2511.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 230.16; BMO BANK NA 47025.39; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90496.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 228.33; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 205.58; MASA 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 265.34; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26426.73; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6336.33; **ROAD:** AFLAC 355.91; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 9045.09; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2490.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 5.44; MASA 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 171.43; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2948.21; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 2010.19; **NET PAYROLL:** 178990.07; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Extension; Correspondence.

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

Public comment on the agenda items (9:06 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.). Larry Bolinger, 507 Niobrara Ave, Alliance, NE 69301 discussed Administrative Replats.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the Form 451 for Church of God Ministries, Inc. as presented by Assessor Michelle Robinson for Property ID 070044384, 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.

Assessor Robinson provided an update on office copier options. No action taken.

Burke moved to accept the aggregate crushing bid submitted by KL Wood at \$9.50/ton in the amount of \$190,000.00, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept the recommendation of M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc. and to award the CR71 Culvert Replacement project bid to KL Wood in the amount of \$24,000.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan will go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the 2026 tractor lease with action to be taken on June 4, 2025.

Burke moved to adopt the Region 23 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2025-05, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the May elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora and Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects attended via zoom. Chairman Burke requested Berggren Architects no longer attend the monthly progress meetings.

Sautter moved to allow Triangle Electric, Inc. to install a new surge suppressor adjacent to the Slagle elevator equipment for \$6,052.40, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

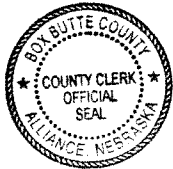
Burke moved to approve the NDOT National Functional Classification System, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to allow the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of financial commitment for 25% of the total project cost with funding available for 24 months for the HMGP Grant for the jail generator, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Amendment Number 8 to the Box Butte County Medical Benefit Plan to include Specialty Drugs, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to provide a letter of support for the BEAD Grant application being submitted by Allo for only the G41 Carve V2 project area portions located within Box Butte County, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Box Butte County takes no position on the F31 Carve V2 project area, as this area is already being served.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



James Burke Attest: M. R. B.
Chairperson County Clerk 5-21-25