

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 8:04 a.m., August 6, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published July 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, August 5, 2025. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, excused; 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.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:16 a.m.).

Sautter moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – August 6, 2025; Minutes – July 9, 2025, July 10, 2025, July 14, 2025, July 15, 2025, July 16, 2025, July 17, 2025, July 21, 2025, July 22, 2025, July 23, 2025, July 24, 2025, August 1, 2025; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2343.57; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90708.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 224.46; FNBO 49592.33; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 202.96; MASA 190.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 569.26; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 27297.53; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6679.33 **ROAD:** AFLAC 355.91; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2490.00; FNBO 9469.10; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 219.67; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 3151.73; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 2148.61 **NET PAYROLL:** 188872.72; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Zoning; Correspondence.

Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:16 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Property valuation protest form 422 was read by Chairman Burke and evidence was heard from Klete and Meagan Shrewsbury. 376. Klete & Meagan Shrewsbury (070079633) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 19149; Buildings: 2773; Total: 21922. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:26 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to adopt the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Resolution 2025-07, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Elaine Menzel with NACO discussed upcoming board workshops and provided legislative updates.

Burke moved to approve signing the National Opioid Settlement for Purdue, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to go out for snow removal contract bids again for the 2025-26 season in its entirety with bids to be submitted to the clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on September 15, 2025 and to be reviewed by the Commissioners for action on September 17, 2025, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to table the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network Agreement 2025-12 until more information is available, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Michelle Robinson requested approval to plant a memorial tree for Susan Cheek. Robinson will coordinate with Commissioner Sautter and Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, on the type and location.

Samantha Stoltenberg, Steve Jobman, Brian Hillier, and Mark Hillier were present to discuss health plan renewal options. Sautter moved to renew the health plan with carrier IOA RE selecting the revised renewal with the same 24/12 Spec/Agg Contracts, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to renew Organ & Tissue Transplant with HCC Life Insurance Company and to continue with the Regional Care Inc. (RCI) health plan utilizing the Cigna network, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to table the health insurance premium plan conversion until current plans have been reviewed, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to go out for RFP again to update the current Zoning regulations to reflect the new components of the updated Comprehensive Plan due in the Clerk's office by no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 25, 2025 with

action to be taken on October 1, 2025, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson provided zoning updates.

The August elevator progress meeting was postponed as Fuller was unavailable. No action taken.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2025-08: Supporting the future interstate feasibility study for Heartland Expressway, Resolution 2025-09: Supporting the future interstate highway formula program, and Resolution 2025-10: Supporting future interstate designation for Heartland Expressway, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:19 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:28 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, excused; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:29 a.m., for pending litigation seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss and Commissioners Burke and Sautter were present. Burke moved to close executive session for pending litigation at 12:01 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Burke moved to allow County Attorney Curtiss to refer representation to NIRMA regarding pending litigation for claim number PROFBoxB035715, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, excused; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:02 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest:



County Clerk 8-20-25

