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., March 19, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 5, 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, March 18, 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.

Burke moved to remove claims from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – March 19, 2025; Minutes – March 5, 2025; Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

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

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

Sautter moved to approve claims with the Applied Connective bill (\$19,764.65) to be paid out of the General fund, as all of the ARPA funds have been allocated prior to the receipt of this bill, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book No. 285 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, accelerating the 2025 taxes for Property ID 070243158, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Dispatch Service Agreement 2025-02 effective April 1, 2025, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson discussed the status of her office copier. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Keegan and Brian Mischnick, Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders, presented a project completion timeline for the Hemingford Road shop, as well as floor drainage system options. Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Commissioners would like Keegan to start looking for semi-truck replacement options.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed on-site storage options for TK Elevator.

Melissa Mracek, Assistant Extension Educator, proposed a preliminary alternative dual educator concept to help alleviate the Extension Assistant shortage in the panhandle. No action taken.

Burke moved to accept the 2024 Weed Control Compliance Report, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:47 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:10 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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Person Attest: County Clerk 4-2