

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., January 5 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, December 22, 2021. Agenda was emailed on January 3, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us Chairperson Lore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., following an opening prayer. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Susan Lore, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Lore acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Mike McGinnis moved to accept the agenda, with the addition of Senior Service Inc. Form 457 added to Board of Equalization, seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. No public comments on agenda items.

REORGANIZATION 2022:

Susan Lore moved to select Steve Burke as **Chairman of the Board**, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved to select Mike McGinnis as **Vice-Chairman**, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to reappoint Mike McGinnis to:

Box Butte Development Corporation Board
Welfare Board Vice-Chairman
Box Butte General Hospital Board
Northwest Community Action Board
Region 23 Emergency Management Agency

seconded by Steve Burke. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to reappoint Steve Burke to:

Region 1 Mental Health Board
Area Agency of Aging Board
Region 1 Office of Human Development Board
Alternate/Northwest Community Action Board
E911 Advisory Board

seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

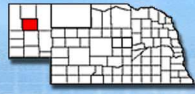
Steve Burke moved to reappoint Susan Lore to:

Region 1 Mental Health Board Alternate
Region 1 Office of Human Development Alternate
Agency of Aging Alternate
Public Health Board/Panhandle Partnership
Senior Citizens Board
Extension Board

with newly appointed Commissioner Patricia Johnston to serve on these boards once she has taken the oath of office, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Steve Burke as **Welfare Board Chairman**, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Commissioners as **Building & Grounds Directors**, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.



Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Barbara Keegan as **Road Superintendent**, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Mike Johnson as **Zoning Administrator**, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Scott Bosse' as **County Surveyor** as needed, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to appoint Dennis Laughlin as **Veteran's Service Officer**, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved to appoint Brett Lauder as **Weed Superintendent** subject to certification and contract approval, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Susan Lore moved to designate the following banks as depositories:

Bank of the West (Alliance Branch)

Wells Fargo Bank

NPAIT

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Farmers State Bank (Alliance & Hemingford Branches)

Sandhills State Bank

Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union (formerly Western Heritage Federal CU)(Veterans Office)

seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved to designate **Alliance Times Herald and The Ledger** as county newspapers, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

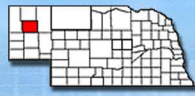
Mike McGinnis moved to designate the **county website** (www.boxbuttecounty.us) as official county website, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mike McGinnis, seconded by Susan Lore to set 2022 regular board meetings: First meeting on 1st Wednesday of each month, with the exception in the month of June with the first meeting to be held June 6, 2022; and second meeting to be held on the 3rd Monday. Or the day after or before in case of a holiday. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to set the 2022 holidays, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

HOLIDAYS IN 2022

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| 1. New Years Day | January 1, 2022 (observed 12/31/2021) |
| 2. Martin Luther King | January 17, 2022 |
| 3. President's Day | February 21, 2022 |
| 4. Arbor Day | April 29, 2022 |
| 5. Memorial Day | May 30, 2022 |
| 6. Juneteenth | June 20, 2022 |
| 7. Independence Day | July 4, 2022 |



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| 8. Labor Day | September 5, 2022 |
| 9. Columbus Day | October 10, 2022 |
| 10. Veteran's Day | November 11, 2022 |
| 11. Thanksgiving | November 24, 2022 |
| 12. Day after Thanksgiving | November 25, 2022 |
| 13. Christmas | December 26, 2022 |

Susan Lore moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Steve Burke. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to sign the \$414.90 refund claim to Harriet Neal for adjusted 2019 homestead exemption, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to approve and allow Chairman Burke to sign application for exemption forms 457 for Senior Services, Inc., Sisters of St. Francis, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Human Services Inc., and Iglesia Bethel, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Mike McGinnis moved to accept December 20, 2021 minutes as written, seconded by Susan Lore. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Burke, yes; McGinnis, yes; Lore, yes. Motion carried.

No board reports were presented and correspondence included Mobius Communication representatives Joni Jespersen and Tanya Mayer thanking Susan Lore and the County for their support over the years, in order for broadband to be extended in rural parts of the county. Other correspondence from the University of Nebraska Extension informing the county of base salary increase for employed extension assistants, stating this will be the county's financial obligation beginning July 1, 2022.

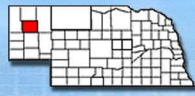
At 9:43 a.m., Mike McGinnis moved to enter into closed session which could result in possible litigation and to prevent the possible injury to the reputation of a business, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Those attending closed session were Commissioners Lore, McGinnis and Burke; County Attorney Curtiss; Bruce Furniture Manager Ron Hauck and Patricia Johnston.

Susan Lore moved to come out of closed session at 10:17 a.m. that had been called for possible litigation and to prevent possible injury to the reputation of a business, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

At 10:20 a.m., Susan Lore moved to enter into closed session for a performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Those attending closed session were Commissioners Lore, McGinnis, and Burke; County Attorney Curtiss; Cody Renkoski and Patricia Johnston. Steve Burke moved to close the closed session at 10:34 a.m. that had been called for performance evaluation and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Congressman Adrian Smith's staff member Val Jansante was present to provide federal and state updates. Following meeting with the Commissioners Mr. Jansante hosted a mobile office on the 1st floor of the Courthouse. No action taken.

Steve Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll/claims as presented, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 136,604.63; AFLAC 2,613.57; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 523.98; Bank of the West 44,226.55; Box Butte County Treasurer 96,876.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 226.74; MASA Global Building 114.00;



Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 24,962.69; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 6,200.91; Independent Eye Care Professionals 50.98. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 35,498.51; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 6,900.90; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement plans Division/Ameritas 2,240.32; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,541.15.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Proposals for fuel will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 8:45 a.m., February 2, with action taken during the February 2, 2022 board meeting. Road Superintendent Keegan will provide specs to suppliers. Bids for aggregate hauling will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., February 17, 2022, and opened at that time. Bids for oil application will be accepted until 10:15 a.m., February 17, 2022 and opened at that time. Action of both bids will be an agenda item for the February 22, 2022 board meeting.

Setting elected official's salaries for the next four years beginning January 2023 shall be fixed by the Board prior to January 15th (23-1114). Following discussion, Susan Lore moved to set the 2023 base salary (Clerk) at \$56,545 with a 3% annual increase, seconded by Steve Burke. Susan Lore, no; Mike McGinnis, no; Steve Burke, no. Motion did not carry. Mike McGinnis moved to set the 2023 base salary (Clerk) at \$56,400 with a 3% annual increase, seconded by Susan Lore. Lore, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

	2023	2024	2025	2026
County Assessor	\$56,400.00	\$58,092.00	\$59,835.00	\$61,630.00
County Clerk	\$56,400.00	\$58,092.00	\$59,835.00	\$61,630.00
County Treasurer	\$56,400.00	\$58,092.00	\$59,835.00	\$61,630.00
Clerk of District Court	\$56,400.00	\$58,092.00	\$59,835.00	\$61,630.00
County Commissioners	\$28,200.00	\$29,046.00	\$29,917.00	\$30,815.00
County Sheriff	\$67,680.00	\$69,710.00	\$71,802.00	\$73,956.00
County Attorney	\$90,472.00	\$93,186.00	\$95,982.00	\$98,861.00
Public Defender	\$84,600.00	\$87,138.00	\$89,752.00	\$92,445.00
County Surveyor	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

Resolution 2022-01 set salaries with Commissioners 50% rate of Base salary; Sheriff 120% of Base salary; County Attorney 160% of Base salary and Public Defender 150% of Base salary. County Attorney and Public Defender positions were increased allowing for the full time needed to full-fill these positions.

Quarterly jail visit (47-109) will be conducted during the January 18, 2022 board meeting.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., January 18 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, January 14, 2022. Agenda was emailed on January 14, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairman Burke introduced Patricia Johnston as the newly appointed Commissioner appointed to complete Susan Lore's term as she has recently resigned as a Commissioner. This appointment was made in accordance with state statute 32-567.

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Steve Burke, Mike McGinnis, Patricia Johnston, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. 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. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the January 5, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioner McGinnis announced that the ARPA fund committee will be meeting at 9:00 a.m., February 1, 2022 to discuss possible expenditures using the ARPA funds. Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell presented the Treasurer's Semi Annual Report, and informed the Board that the report was to be published in The Ledger. No action taken.

Box Butte County Sheriff Mowry and Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen informed the Board of the need to move a radio into the jail, allowing jailers to assist night time dispatchers. Sheriff Mowry provided a quote in the amount of \$2,351.00 from Action Communications Inc. For betterment of the county, McGinnis moved to allow ARPA funds to be used for the installation and equipment in order for a radio to be located allowing the jailers to assist with dispatch duties, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sheriff Mowry provided the update on new jail locks and that NE Fire and Safety had installed new locks at the North Platte, NE jail, more information will be brought to the Board at a later date.

Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book, with one real estate correction. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell asked that application for exemption forms 457 be added to the February 2, 2022 board meeting. No action taken. McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, asking the Board to declare surplus property during the February 2, 2022 board meeting. Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis allowing MC Schaff to advertise for reconstruction of West Otoe Rd. Bids will be received in the office of the County Clerk until 3:30 p.m., February 17, 2022. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Keegan had recently attended a meeting held by the NRD and would like to offer a bridge at CR55 allowing NRD to put in a dam. Road Superintendent Keegan will purchase a traffic counter with the possibility of obtaining a NIRMA grant for part of the purchase. Doug Hashman was present to offer opinion on road conditions. The 1 & 6 year road plan to be held at 1:30 p.m., February 22, 2022 was discussed with possible projects to be added to the plan. Commissioners asked about bus routes, mail routes and estimated cost for 1 & 6 year road plan options.

No action taken on annual weed reports and plan documents that have not been received by the County of Box Butte.



Commissioner McGinnis had provided an internet auction agreement (Agreement 2022-01), with Purple Wave, listing transit vans that are no longer in service. Purple Wave has agreed to waive listing fee. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston allowing Chairman Burke to sign the internet auction agreement listing transit vans and other surplus items. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to table Amendment No.1 to Telecommunications Sharing Agreement with Tri-State, as the document listed Chadron, NE address. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to adopt Amendment No. 5 to the Box Butte County Medical Benefit Plan, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims except for Renkoski Vegetation Services invoices #4280 (\$4,083.33) and #4279 (\$6,500.00), tabling the Renkoski claim to the February 2, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners Burke, McGinnis, and Johnston conducted a quarterly jail visit (47-109) at 11:30 a.m., returning at 11:53 a.m.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., February 2, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, January 19, 2022. Agenda was emailed on January 31, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the January 18, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court monthly report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Val Bell provided an ARPA Committee report. ARPA Fund Committee had met and provided thoughts and suggestions on eligible projects that could be funded out of the ARPA fund account. ARPA expenditures will be an agenda item for the February 22, 2022 board meeting. Commissioners reported on board meetings they had recently attended. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, as County Assessor presented adding personal property, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign Evangelical Free Church of Alliance Application for Exemption Form 457, that County Treasurer Bell had approved, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, with a list of equipment to be declared surplus and to be sold on an upcoming Purple Wave Auction. McGinnis moved to declare used and no longer needed equipment surplus as listed by the road department, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. During the road report, Upper Niobrara Resources District representatives Pat O'Brien and Lynn Webster were present to provide an update and environment assessment on the Box Butte Creek Watershed Plan. Road Superintendent Keegan informed the Board that an estimate for the hail damaged road department roofs had been submitted to NIRMA, and that MC Schaff would be at the February 22, 2022 meeting with bids for the West Otoe Rd project. No action taken. With the upcoming 1 & 6 year road plan hearing to be held February 22, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., Commissioners and Road Superintendent discussed possible projects and costs. No action taken.

Two timely sealed fuel proposals had been accepted in the office of the County Clerk, from Panhandle Coop and WESTCO. Burke moved to accept WESTCO's proposal for 30,000 gallons of #2 off road diesel, paying in the period following the bid award, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

One sealed rock crushing bid had been received timely in the office of the County Clerk for 40,000 ton of crushed rock out of the Jespersen Pit. K L Wood submitted the only bid at \$8.00 per ton. Burke moved to table the accepting or rejecting of the bid to the February 22, 2022 board meeting, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the annual Noxious Weed Control Plan, Activity Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, Budget Report and Noxious Weed Infestation Report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved to reject and not pay Renkoski Vegetation Services invoice #4279 and invoice #4280, totalling \$10,583.33, that had been tabled from the January 18, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 127,514.72; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 523.98; Bank of the West 39,826.45; Box Butte County Treasurer 93,046.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 218.78; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,745.40; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,481.29; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 34,709.40; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 6,623.61; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,988.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,195.28; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,392.26. **TOTAL:** 342,217.95

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

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Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. Motion from Burke to excuse Commissioner Patricia Johnston, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Commissioner Johnston listening on the telephone. 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. McGinnis moved, seconded by Burke to accept the agenda as printed. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. McGinnis moved to accept the February 2, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly report, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and Commissioner Johnston provided her board reports via telephone.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to deny Apostolics of Alliance exemption application form 451 agreeing with County Assessor Robinson's recommendation to deny the application, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve East Point Horspice exemption application form 451 as County Assessor Robinson approved, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve Chadron Community Hospital Corporation exemption application form 451 as approved by County Assessor Robinson, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc., exemption application form 451, seconded by Burke, as approved by County Assessor Robinson. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Kathlyn Siegler, 340 E 14th Street, Alliance, NE had requested to be on the agenda during Board of Equalization to discuss the Apostolics of Alliance exemption application form 451. Ms. Siegler provided pictures and information that she felt should show why the Apostolics of Alliance has requested the exemption. Ms. Siegler stated that this property had been tax exempt in 2010, and that the Assessor had determined to not allow the exemption in 2018. Burke moved to reconsider the Apostolics of Alliance exemption application 451, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Motion from Burke to approve Apostolics of Alliance exemption application form 451 with new information presented at the meeting, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

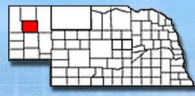
Board of Equalization agenda item regarding TERC (Rosewood Estates) was discussed with no action taken.

At 9:34 a.m., McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

MC Schaff representative Don Dye opened bids at 9:35 a.m., that had been received in the office of the County Clerk prior to the advertised deadline of 3:30 p.m., February 17, 2022. Two bids had been received.

1. Werner Construction, Inc., Hastings, NE \$3,856,170.04 completion date May 31, 2023, attempt to complete in 2022.
2. Simon Contractors, North Platte, NE. \$4,242,000.00 completion date September 1, 2022.

Mr. Dye stated that WERNER had the low bid and informed the Board that costs were 10% over engineer's estimates. Also discussed was the extra layer of fabric for water protections at an additional cost of \$566,000. The Board has 60



days to accept a bid, as an agenda item for the March 21, 2022 meeting. Bonding for the project will be an agenda item for the March 2, 2022 board meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Murphy Tractor representative Travis Fix provided order and delivery dates for John Deere Motor Graders that are available on the state bids. After discussion, McGinnis moved to order the 772G 6WD all wheel drive with premium circle at a cost of \$315,223.00. The County will pay entire invoice with \$260,000.00 out of the ARPA fund and the remainder out of Inheritance fund with that amount to be repaid to the Inheritance fund from the road fund. This will be a 2023 machine with an October build date, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Tabled from the February 2, 2022 meeting was the only aggregate crushing bid submitted from KL Wood Co LLC. McGinnis moved to accept KL Wood Co LLC bid, limiting to 10,000 tons at \$8.00 per ton, with invoice to be submitted by June 15, 2022 for the current fiscal year, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With two bids received, Burke moved to award NSG Logistics, LLC, the chip stone hauling bid at \$18.95 per ton, with an extension of \$31,267.50, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With two bids received, McGinnis moved to award Topkote Inc., the armor coat application bid at \$0.398 per square with an extension of \$50,112.18, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White provided updates, stating the Slagle window replacement had been completed. Ms. White will contact Anita Allen to inquire about the window treatments that had been installed in the courthouse following renovation. Battery backups and standby generator for the courthouse was discussed. Ms. White will contact Triangle Electric and Jaybird Electric to provide input for electrical load. Chairman Burke will contact Aaron Wood regarding the need to replace the square of cement in front of the courthouse that cracked immediately after installation.

ARPA Committee provided to the Board suggestions that had been received during the last committee meeting. McGinnis moved to allow \$6,300.00 for the combined dispatch remodel at the county jail and \$400.00 for a projector & screen at the Extension Office, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith withdrew her request for \$3,000.00 of election equipment to be used for early voting due to the elevator not operating, as the Nebraska Secretary of State will provide ADA equipment for early voting. The next ARPA Committee meeting will be Friday, February 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

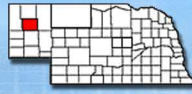
McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign Amendment No.1 To Telecommunications Sharing Agreement No. TS-11-0236, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign four vehicle titles over to Purple Wave for the internet auction and to sign a hail damaged vehicle title over to NIRMA, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve Commissioner Johnston's conflict claim in the amount of \$200.00 for a NACO web event, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to table Chairman Burke's conflict claim until the Board had a quorum for approval, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table a \$200,000.00 invoice the City of Alliance had sent to the clerk's office for a Motorola console, to the March 21, 2022 meeting, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved to approve and sign claims, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke called recess at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:30 p.m., with roll call: Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present, with Commissioner Johnston listening on the telephone.

At 1:30 p.m., Burke moved to open the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Those attending the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing were Road Superintendent Keegan, Commissioners McGinnis and Burke, and County Clerk Messersmith. Road Superintendent Keegan provided legal publications for the hearing and proposed projects and projects that had been completed. Commissioners and Road Superintendent Keegan discussed possible project and costs during the hearing. With no members of the public present to speak, Burke closed the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing at 2:17 p.m., seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2022-02, approving the 1 & 6 year road improvement program for Box Butte County, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., March 2, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, February 23, 2022. Agenda was emailed on March 1, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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. McGinnis moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda, with an item added timely. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the February 22, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign the Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Box Butte County Ag Society Board Member Ron Henzler provided a roof replacement cost estimate of \$31,152.03 from Fisher Roofing and Restoration for a replacement roof at the fair grounds to the Board. Mr. Henzler also mentioned the possibility of a marquee board for the fair grounds along with the need for new electrical lighting. Mr. Henzler was advised to speak to the Ag Society's Accountant as money was levied for the Ag Society Sinking Fund. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, as County Assessor Robinson presented accelerating personal property, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:32 a.m., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Andy Forney, Public Finance Banker with D.A. Davison & Co., and Brad Slaughter, Public Finance Investment Banker with Piper Sandler & Co., provided highway allocation bonding information for the West Otoe Road project. Platte Valley Companies Community President Rob Bila and Manager Wendy Seidler, Sean Ridgeway, fnbo Commercial Ag Banker and Ryan Gasseling, Farmers State Bank Branch President provided construction line of credit information for the West Otoe Road project. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Added to the agenda was an appointment to the Aging Office of Western Nebraska. Burke moved to appoint Donna McEowen to the board, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds reports included quotes from Anita Allen for window coverings at the Slagle Building. McGinnis moved to purchase the 3% screen shades for the Slagle Building at a cost of \$3,162.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to purchase the 3% screen shades for the Treasurer's vault, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Triangle Electric and JayBird Electric had not provided information at meeting time for generator and 911 backup. No action taken. Chairman Burke will inform Aaron Wood to replace the cracked concrete in front of the courthouse.

McGinnis moved to approve and sign Chairman Burke's conflict claim for mileage & travel in the amount of \$313.72, that had been tabled from the February 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, abstain. Motion carried.



Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL: Net Payroll 114,909.40; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 523.98; Bank of the West 36,060.95; Box Butte County Treasurer 94,094.00; Division of Child Support 250.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 330.35; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 221.40; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 21,767.73; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 4,775.88; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 33,417.32; AFLAC 273.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 6,290.28; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,988.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,114.38; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,300.65.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., March 21, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, March 9, 2022. Agenda was emailed on March 18, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis from the meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. 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. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the March 2, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign January 2022 and February 2022 County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Doves representative Rachelle Sutton Corbet requested Chairman of the Board's signature on a "Certification of Local Government Approval for NonProfit Organizations Receiving ESG Funds From the Shelter Activities". Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the certification, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Val Bell provided the Board with the sales tax report, of property sold at the public tax sale for delinquent taxes on March 7, 2022. No action taken.

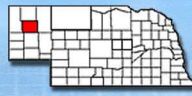
Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to deny the fuel surcharge the NSG Logistics, LLC had requested for the contract of chip rock delivery. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will provide a letter to NSG Logistics, LLC.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign two property corrections, an acceleration of mobile home and removal of an error, as presented by Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Time and date of a hearing with Cheema Investments, LLC before the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission will be set by an Order for Hearing and Notice of Hearing at a future date. No action taken. At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Mobius Communication representative, Shad Bryner, provided network solutions and costs for IT support and management. Chariman Burke had spoken with a representative from Hamilton Communication. Mr. Bryner will provide a contract of services for County Attorney to review. No action taken.

Hemingford Village Board of Trustee, John Annen, was present to discuss contracting with the County Sheriff for police services. Costs of services, including staff, vehicles, equipment and upfront costs were discussed. County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen were present to answer any questions the Board might have. The Sheriff and Village of Hemingford feel that this will be beneficial for the county and village, with April 1, 2022, to be the start date for the mutual services. Box Butte County Attorney Terry Curtiss and Village of Hemingford Attorney Libby Stobel will continue to work on the contract for services.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, and provided a salary study for the Board's consideration. Salary study will be an agenda item for the April 6, 2022 board meeting. Road Superintendent Keegan



requested to rehire last summer's employee. Johnston moved to rehire part-time summer employee Alberto Montemayor, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Don Dye with M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc., came before the Board with the two bids for Otoe Road Asphalt Overlay Project from Hwy 385 to CR 72, that had been publicly opened during the February 22, 2022 board meeting. Simon Contractors bid was \$4,242,000.00 and Werner Construction, Inc bid was \$3,856,170.04. The Engineer's estimate was \$3,490,332.00. Burke moved to accept Werner Construction, Inc bid of \$3,856,170.04 for West Otoe Road without modification, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the Agreement 2022-02 between M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc. and Box Butte County for professional services for asphalt overlay on Otoe Road from CR72 to Hwy 385. The engineers shall be paid for services rendered on the basis of time spent at the rates specified in Exhibit B not to exceed \$79,530.00 for completion of all services. Payment shall be made monthly following receipt of the bills submitted by the engineer. The \$79,530.00 will be a loan out of County Inheritance Fund, to be paid back by the Bonds Fund Account, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed bond and financing options for the West Otoe Road project. With the possibility that Werner Construction, Inc., could possibly begin construction on the project in May, the need to move forward with financing was discussed. Discussed were the possibility of amending the budget, short term construction financing and bonding the entire project. Asking for proposals for bonding an amount of \$3,900,000 with proposals for 10 year; 15 year; 20 year bonds will be requested. County Attorney Curtiss will contact those financial institutions that are interested in proposals for the project. The bonding/financing will be an April 6, 2022 agenda item.

Alliance Police Chief Philip Lukens met with the Board to discuss the tabled claim from the February 24, 2022 meeting. The City of Alliance had sent an invoice in the amount of \$200,000.00 for one 911 motorola console. Following discussion, Chairman Steve Burke will meet with Alliance City Manager to discuss the invoice. No action taken. A monthly claim from CenturyLink / Lumen with an invoice in the amount of \$8,124.96 billed to E911 Box Butte County – Alliance PK; PO Box D; ATTN: Tacy Liptack; Alliance, NE 69301 was discussed. The County of Box Butte, has in the past only paid a percentage of this bill. Police Chief Lukens and the Board further discussed the shared dispatch services for 911 calls, with Police Chief Lukens detailing how the calls are handled.

Enet Somers-Dehaney was unavailable for telephone conference.

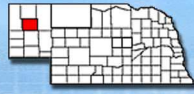
Burke moved to approve and sign claims, tabling the \$8,124.96 CenturyLink/Lumen claim until percentages or for more clarification can be obtained, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk



Box Butte County Board

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Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., April 6, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, March 23, 2022. Agenda was emailed on March 5, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

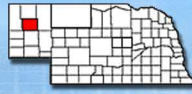
Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis from the meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. 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, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the March 21, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Election Commissioner/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported that there had been no committee meetings to attend.

Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and payroll claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 123,507.58; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 494.96; Bank of the West 39,699.92; Box Butte County Treasurer 90,348.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 523.21; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 214.12; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,549.73; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,395.90; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 38,562.35; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 7,619.04; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,988.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,437.19; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,683.10.

Piper Sandler & Co. Senior Vice President Brad Slaughter was present to answer questions on the bond proposal he had provided. Johnston moved to accept the proposal Piper Sandler & Co. had submitted, allowing Chairman Burke to sign Resolution 2022-03, authorizing the issuance of highway allocation fund pledge bonds, series 2022, of the County of Box Butte, in the State of Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000), issued for the purpose of making certain road improvements within the county; prescribing the form of said bonds; authorizing officers to determine final terms of said bonds within specified parameters; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the same; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; authorizing officers of the county to enter into a contract for the sale of the bonds; providing for a paying agent and registrar for the bonds; approving post-issuance tax compliance policies and providing for the disposition of the bond proceeds, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Setting an amortization schedule will be an agenda item for the April 18, 2022 board meeting.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve Indian Mission Church of God application for exemption form 457, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, correcting five mobile home accelerations, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:35 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report along with a salary study she had prepared. Johnston moved to allow road employees with a CDL (commercial drivers license) to start at \$20.00 per hour with 4 steps in 2 years reaching \$23.96 per hour. Motion died for lack of second. Following discussion with Road Superintendent Keegan and with her preference, Johnston moved to set starting salary for non-CDL employees at \$16.00 with 4 steps in 2



years reaching \$21.10 per hour, with existing employees to be raised to the same scale, effective next pay period, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Sterling T. Huff on behalf of Renkoski Property Development, LLC and Cody Renkoski had submitted a “Claim For Breach Of Contract”. County Attorney Terry Curtiss reported the county had been notified that Mr. Renkoski had not met the required hours of continuing education as a county weed control superintendent. County Attorney Curtiss’ position is that the county is not in breach of contract and does not agree with Mr. Huff’s analysis. Johnston moved to reject the claim Mr. Huff had submitted on behalf of Renkoski Property Development, LLC and Cody Renkoski, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke requested that Cody Renkoski provide the last three years of spraying records for the county.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson was present to discuss legislative updates, discussing with the Board new legislation that will impact the county’s budget and dates that hearings must be set to be in compliance with new legislation. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., April 18, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, April 6, 2022. Agenda was emailed on April 15, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis from the meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. 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, seconded by Johnston to accept the amended agenda, removing FNTS regarding cyber security. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved to accept the April 6, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

Burke moved to move the May 16, 2022 board meeting to Wednesday, May 18, 2022, allowing for a quorum, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. A notice of meeting will be published informing the public of meeting date.

Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program, requested that the Board review the reports and requirements set forth in the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act during a regular board meeting. Following review of the 2021 year, Burke moved to sign the reports and requirement summary for Box Butte County, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book as Deputy County Assessor Elkins presented, correcting a mobile home, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder provided information and weed plan for 2022, outlining the steps and notices the county would use in order to force control of noxious weeds. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that the 1995 Mach semi-tractor repairs would be very costly. The Board informed Ms. Keegan to request proposals for a truck until May 2, 2022 and to bring proposals to the May 4, 2022 board meeting, for possible purchase.

During review of monthly claims, Jake Weber, (Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys) was present to clarify his claim. County Attorney Curtiss explained the change order policy to Mr. Weber and will make a change order for work to be in the county jail. Mr. Weber informed the Board that he would not be charging the county \$12,500 (invoice 510491) and that work would be completed by the end of April. Burke moved to table the \$30,340 claim to Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys until the May 4, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table Patricia Johnston and Steve Burke mileage conflict claims until the Board had a quorum, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims with the exception of the Weber, Johnston & Burke claims that had been tabled, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Region 23 Emergency Management Coordinator Nan Gould was present to request signing of the Box Butte County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan. Burke moved to sign the plan, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter and sign Interlocal Agreement 2022-03 for Law Enforcement with the Village of Hemingford and the County of Box Butte, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Johnston moved to adopt a 15 year amortization schedule with the ability to pay down sooner for the \$3.9 million Highway Allocation Series 2022 Bonds with Piper Sandler & Co., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the quarterly jail visit to the May 4, 2022 meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., May 4, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, April 20, 2022. Agenda was emailed on May 2, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved to accept the April 18, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended.

West Side Event Center (2472 CR62, Alliance, NE) owner, Tori McVicker, was present to discuss Country Club Road and CR 62 road conditions. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan informed Ms. McVicker that this road is on the plan to be chip sealed this year. No further action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book, with three Homestead Exemption corrections and three TERC final decisions on Rosewood Estates. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:30 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

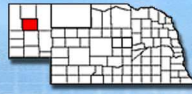
Burke moved to enter into closed session at 9:31 a.m., to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Sheriff Tammy Mowry, County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Johnston, McGinnis, and Burke were present during closed session. At 9:49 a.m., Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to close the closed session that had been called to discuss a personnel matter. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan had requested proposals for a truck, and presented a spread sheet to the Board detailing the two used semi tractors she had received. Burke moved allowing for the purchase of a 2009 Kenworth from Breinig Truck and Trailer at Arapahoe, NE, with Road Superintendent to negotiate with Breinig the needed repairs, including the valve cover, with the county cap of \$2,000.00 for any repairs needed. Payment will be made with \$20,000.00 to be paid out of Miscellaneous General (0100-970-00-5-0301) and remaining to be paid out of the Road Bridge Fund, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to surplus the 1995 Mack truck, using Purple Wave auction service and to relist the tank & trailer also, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Following County Attorney Curtiss explanation of the Alliant Group request for Force Equipment Company Section 179D signatures, Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to table their request until County Attorney Curtiss has received a response from Brittany East with Alliant Group. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the claim/payment to Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys, LLC until the jail plumbing construction job has been successfully completed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to approve monthly payroll and claims. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 124,150.21; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 495.96; Bank of the West 39,916.35; Box Butte County Treasurer 90,348.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 217.42; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,265.45; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,514.48; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net payroll 37,846.97; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 7,752.78; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,858.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.08; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,405.21; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,738.08.

Commissioner Burke recessed so that he and Commissioner Johnston could conduct a quarterly jail visit (47-109).

Following the jail visit, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., May 18, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting and change of meeting date was published in Alliance Times Herald, May 4, 2022. Agenda was emailed on May 17, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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 accept the amended agenda, with County Assessor adding the correction book as an emergency item, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to approve and sign May 4, 2022 minutes, as written. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official's reports, the board reviewed the building and grounds report and updates. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view and Board members reported on meetings they had recently attended, with Commissioner McGinnis reporting that Region 23 will have an increase in their budget request for 2022-23 fiscal year.

Mobius Communications' representative Tonya Mayer, provided an update on broadband expansion within Box Butte County, discussing Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program with the new grant funding opening in June 2022.

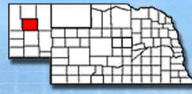
Burke moved to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veteran's Affairs and Box Butte County. This memo of understanding will allow the county veteran's office to continue to use the database "VetraSpec", seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., Burke moved to open as BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve two claims presented by Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins. Claims were \$1,920.22 refund to Rosewood Estates II, LLC and \$1,913.48 refund to Rosewood Estates, LLC. Both claims were a result of Tax Equalization and Review Commission final decision. Seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Added to the agenda was an emergency item to be heard before the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Deputy Assessor Elkins presented the correction book, with acceleration of personal property, prior to an auction. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign the correction book. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:22 a.m., Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road report. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the 1995 Mack truck title for Purple Wave auction service, as requested by Road Superintendent Keegan, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Covid ARPA fund committee had met May 16, 2022, and provided suggestions and requests to the Board for their consideration. Burke moved to partner with Mobius Communications, and approve \$250,000.00 matching funds for broadband expansion within the county, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve funding up to \$9,000.00 for a breathalyzer and a maximum of \$3,500.00 for technology installation in the Commissioner Board Room, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Covid ARPA claims up to amount of \$12,500.00 must be submitted by June 15, 2022. No date was set for the next ARPA Committee meeting.

More discussion on cyber security and vendors, with Chairman Burke allowing Bytes Managed IT to do a security assessment. Bytes Managed IT will be contacted following the meeting.



Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to approve a conflict claim (mileage & registration) in the amount of \$321.44 for Commissioner Johnston. Johnston, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Johnston moved, seconded by McGinnis to approve a conflict claim (mileage) in the amount of \$64.35 for Chairman Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, abstain. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., June 6, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting and change of meeting date was published in Alliance Times Herald, May 25, 2022. Agenda was emailed on June 3, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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.

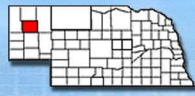
Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to approve and sign May 18, 2022 minutes. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign monthly elected officials' reports from County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Other elected official's reports included County Attorney Curtiss presenting a proposal for new phone system in the County Attorney's office and Veteran's office, as the present system has not been working correctly. The County Attorney office and Veteran's office will pay for the phone system out of their current budget. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to replace the current phone system at a cost of \$9,355.26. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view and board members had not attended any committee meetings recently.

Burke moved to approve monthly payroll as presented, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll \$124,166.05; **ROAD:** Net Payroll \$40,301.54.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book as County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented, correcting one personal property, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Dates were set for the Board to hear property valuation protests. Date and times will be advertised for hearings set to begin July 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; July 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.; July 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; and July 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., with decisions to be made by the Board on July 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Fair representative, Alina Schoeneman, came before the Board to request a special designated liquor license for the Box Butte County Fair, event dates August 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 2022. The fair board is requesting an extended area for the Saturday, August 13, 2022 concert and an extended area for the demolition derby to be held Sunday, August 14, 2022. County Attorney Curtiss suggested that the Board table the decision for a special designated liquor license allowing time to contact the Sheriff's office. The fair board provided drawings for the extended areas and informed the Board that fair board members and volunteers would be monitoring the beer garden at all times. Burke moved to approve the issuance of a special designated license as requested, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife District Supervisor, Jerry Feist and Wildlife Services Specialist Tim Brewer were present to discuss the wildlife services that have been provided to the county during the past year and to request additional funding for the 2022-23 fiscal year budget. An additional \$2,000.00 has been requested for services in the county. Mr. Feist is also seeking funding for benefits to be provided to Tim Brewer in the amount of \$10,000. Mr. Feist will attend Sheridan County Board meeting to request the funding of benefits for Mr. Brewer also. The Board mentioned that they could see the increase request for services, but wanted to see what Sheridan County proposed for benefit costs. Burke moved to table the wildlife services agreement until the June 21, 2022 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Mr. Kenneth Foster had requested to be on the agenda to discuss transportation on the veteran's service vehicles. Mr. Foster had received a letter from the Veteran's Service Officer and wanted to deny all accusations regarding his riding the veteran's service vehicles. Chairman Burke informed Mr. Foster that he will follow up with the Veteran's Office regarding these accusations. No action taken.

Murphy Tractor representative Mike Bateman was present to inform the Board that the state bid for motor graders will end on June 23, 2022 and at that time the state bid of \$288,065.00 will no longer be available and he anticipates motor graders to increase \$70,000.00 after that deadline. Chairman Burke did not feel any more discussion should take place as ARPA funds have not been received by the county at this time. Commissioner Johnston stated that ARPA funds have already been spent on one new road grader. Discussion will continue at the June 21, 2022 meeting. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

With LB644 requirements that will impact counties in Nebraska, Burke moved to designate "The State Print Shop" as the vendor for the county if needed, utilizing their ability to connect the Assessor's data through the MIPS program used by the Box Butte County Assessor's office, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Assessor Michelle Robinson spoke to the Board regarding the Assessor office budget. Due to her paying GIS (\$13,420.90) twice in the fiscal year, the Assessor budget will be short on operating funds. Ms. Robinson informed the Board she will not be including the Maintenance Agreement-GIS budget line 2 2544 in next fiscal year's budget request. Burke moved to recognize this situation and allow for the Assessor to use personal services funds to finish the fiscal year this time, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Requests to the ARPA Committee for funds included body cams for Box Butte County Deputies and Jailers, updates to the District Court bench, and an additional \$50,000.00 to Mobius to extend broadband another 5 miles. Johnston moved to approve ARPA funds up to \$30,000.00 for law enforcement body cams; additional \$50,000.00 funding for broadband and remodeling to District Court judge's bench not to exceed the \$39,070.00 estimate, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. A proposal from Jack's Heating, Cooling, Stoves and Fireplaces for HVAC system to be installed in the Slagle building had expired, and a current proposal will be brought back for consideration during the June 21, 2022 board meeting.

Burke made a motion to sign Weed Superintendent Contracts, with updates provided by County Attorney Curtiss, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Burke to table Power Tech Service Agreement, allowing for review with Region 23 Emergency Management during budget preparation, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2022-03 transferring funds in the amount of \$89,329.00 from Public Defender budget to District Court budget, due to the absence of a Public Defender, allowing for court appointed attorneys, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign claims/invoices minus the \$30,340.00 invoice from Emergency Plumbing Weber Boys LLC, as the plumbing work has not been completed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,493.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp \$476.06; Bank of the West 39,921.77; Box Butte County Treasurer 87,780.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 213.44; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,210.58; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,430.44; Independent Eye Care Professionals 68.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 7,984.17; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,858.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.08; MASA Global Building



37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,408.61; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,819.81. **COURTHOUSE BOND FUND:** BOKF,NA 10,055.00. Total 185,870.93

Budget updates included the correction for jail janitorial supplies to be included in the building and grounds janitorial supply line. Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson has requested for preliminary budgets to be submitted to him by June 17, 2022. At this time, the Board is allowing officials to figure a 3% raise for employees beginning January 2023 and asks that operating expenses be kept at current amounts or minimal increase. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., June 21, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting and change of meeting date was published in Alliance Times Herald, June 8, 2022. Due to the loss of computer connections within the courthouse, the agenda was posted on all doors of the courthouse and texted to the Board members on June 19, 2022, with agenda emailed to the news media and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us on June 20, 2022.

Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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, with County Clerk Messersmith informing the Board and Public that a current copy of the amended Open Meeting Act is also located on the North wall of the Board Room. The amended provisions of the Open Meeting Act will be effective July 21, 2022.

Burke moved to accept the agenda with the addition of conflict claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to approve and sign June 6, 2022 minutes, as written. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved, seconded by McGinnis to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly report. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Board reports were heard and correspondence was acknowledged.

Mobius Communications General Manager, Tonya Mayer, presented an updated broadband bridge grant map, explaining where the county already has broadband and proposed areas. Mobius was granted funds that another county is no longer requesting and is asking the County for an additional \$175,000.00 matching funds. This would allow for 90% of Box Butte County to have access to broadband services. Burke moved to provide and sign a letter stating that the County of Box Butte will collaborate with Mobius and provide matching ARPA funds in the amount of \$475,000.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Murphy Tractor representative Mike Bateman informed the Board that the state bid for motor graders will expire on June 23, 2022, and that he anticipates a \$70,000.00 price increase for motor graders following the state bid expiration. Burke moved to purchase a new John Deere premium circle motor grader at a cost of \$288,000.00, with initial payment out of the Inheritance Fund and the Road/Bridge Fund will make four years of payments to the Inheritance Fund to pay for the new motor grader, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

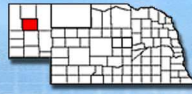
Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, informing the Board that she plans to submit a claim to MC Schaff for West Otoe Road project to be approved during the July 6, 2022 board meeting. No action taken.

Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Grant Sub-Award Agreement 2022-05, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Competitive HVAC bids for the Slagle building will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 4:00 p.m., July 14, 2022, with bids to be opened, awarded or rejected July 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. HVAC for the Slagle building had been an ARPA committee recommendation for the Board's consideration.

Johnston moved to table USDA Wildlife Agreement 2022-04: Annual Cooperative Services Agreement, until the Board could obtain some answers regarding shared services, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry, Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen, along with County Attorney, discussed the City/County combined dispatch services. Another option for dispatch services would be to partner with Gering, NE. Chairman Burke stated that he had been notified of a 911 Board meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m., June 21, 2022. No action taken.



NIRMA has requested that the county move forward with damaged roof repair from the July 2021 hail storm, along with repair to the glass dome on the roof and chimney brick repairs. No action taken.

Burke moved to sign Resolution 2022-05 authorizing the closing of the Noxious Weed Control (Fund 5400 Function 733) as Noxious Weed is part of the General Fund since the 2013-2014 budget, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign Resolution 2022-04 transferring \$4,303.20 to the Veteran's Aid Fund (1900). This transfer is for 28,688 miles @ \$.15 per mile driven from June 1, 2021 through June 1, 2022, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With addition of conflict claims added to the agenda, Johnston moved to pay Steve Burke \$125.00 for reimbursement of registration fees, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, abstain. Motion carried. Burke moved to pay Patricia Johnston \$400.69 for mileage and registration fee reimbursement, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Johnston, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Johnston moved to pay Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys LLC \$5,000.00, as partial payment on original agreement, effective date of March 1, 2022, the original claim submitted is in the amount of \$30,340.00, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign remaining claims/invoices minus the conflict claims and Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys LLC claim, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk



Box Butte County Board Minutes



BOOK **O** PAGE **2022 - 13**

Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 9:00 a.m., July 1, 2022, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE, with roll call: Steve Burke and Patricia Johnston present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Burke stated that the Open Meeting Act is posted on the North wall of the Commissioner's Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, Notice of Property Protest Hearings were published June 22, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Agenda was emailed to the Board and posted on the county's website boxbuttecounty.us on June 28, 2022. Burke moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes. McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Mike McGinnis present at 9:02 a.m.

Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Johnston, McGinnis and Burke, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

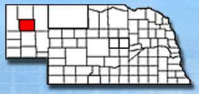
Property valuation protest forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Marty Moody; John C Fletcher; not present - Gary and Shirley A Keane; Kyle C. King; Daniel W. King; not present - heard protest over telephone from Ande Girard; James O'Leary; Lerick and Cheryl Johnson; Larry and Andrea Luce; not present - Gary G. Zander; Milly and Larry Craig – Heirs of Calvin Dickey; not present - Thomas and Betty Sabala; Edward Planansky; not present - Joshua Payne; Bobby Henderson; Brandi and Jeff Hamilton; Brandi Hamilton and Bart Moseman/Farmers Coop.

Chairperson Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 11:58 a.m

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Chairperson

County Clerk



Box Butte County Board Minutes



Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:07 a.m., July 6, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, June 22, 2022. Agenda was emailed to Board members and news media and posted on the county website: boxbuttecounty.us July 1, 2022. Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order. Roll call: Patricia Johnston and Steve Burke present. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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.

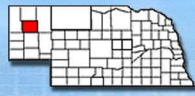
Burke moved to accept the amended agenda, timely added: discussion of procedures and steps to appoint Box Butte County Veterans Service Officer. Also adding emergency item Resolution 2022-06, in order to approve an invoice that was submitted to the office of the County Clerk and included in the agenda items of payroll/claims/invoices, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Johnston moved to approve the June 21, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign monthly Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Included in correspondence was a letter of resignation from Veterans Service Committee Member Jerry Iossi. Burke moved to accept the resignation of Jerry Iossi, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Mr. Iossi was the representative of Alliance American Legion Post #7 for over 30 years. American Legion Post #7 will provide a candidate for board replacement, allowing for a quorum to interview candidates for the Box Butte County Veterans Officer.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, with one real estate correction, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve changes and correct assessments due to clerical errors as presented by County Assessor Michelle Robinson, seconded by Johnston. Approved were KT Nexgen Inc, Chad & Lisa Thomas, Equity Bank, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc, Alltel, Robert Jatczak, Terry & Mary Cordell. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Representatives from BYTES Managed IT presented an assessment and possible costs for technology projects, maintenance, security, network functionality and technical support. Permission was granted for BYTES representatives to meet with those offices located outside of the courthouse. More discussion surrounding computer security and costs will be added to the July 18, 2022 agenda. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and payroll claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 125,667.92; AFLAC 2,493.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 510.14; Bank of the West 40,416.23; Box Butte County Treasurer 89,088.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 220.04; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,995.17; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,461.68; Independent Eye Care Professionals 68.88. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 40,508.81; AFLAC 177.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 176.24; Bank of the West 8,052.11; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,433.66; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,840.46; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, updating the Board on current chip seal projects. Commissioners informed Werner Construction representative, Curt Orter, via telephone conversation that his invoice will be considered following adopting a Resolution and approving the claim for West Otoe Road project later in the board meeting.



Jake Weber came before the Board to request payment for jail plumbing services. Chairman Burke stated that the job is still not completed and County Attorney Curtiss discussed with Mr. Weber the sewer repair agreement and penalties. Chairman Burke informed Mr. Weber that the July 18, 2022 agenda will include the invoice and completion of the job discussion.

Burke moved to enter into Agreement 2022-04 with United States Department of Agriculture for Wildlife Services at an annual cost of \$22,840.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Architect Jerry Berggren and Chairman Burke had met at the courthouse to view the skylight dome over the courthouse rotunda that had been damaged by the July 2021 hail storm. At that time Mr. Berggren noted that Box Butte County may be eligible for tax credits for the skylight dome, as well as the elevator repair project. Burke made a motion to move forward with Berggren Architects submitting the tax credit proposals, any associated project fees will be contingent upon successful applications. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved to work with MIPS changing the county website to boxbuttecounty.gov as requested by the Nebraska Secretary of State office. Having a .gov address makes it more difficult to impersonate the county's website. Seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Tammy Mowry discussed with the Board the possibility of joining dispatch services with Scottsbluff County. Estimated costs for towers, licenses, equipment and cost for one shift will need to be provided. County Attorney Curtiss will provide a Memo of Understanding and Resolution for joint services. Burke moved to pass a resolution to move forward with Scottsbluff County to provide joint dispatch services, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston allowing County Attorney Curtiss to send letter terminating the dispatch service agreement with the City of Alliance and that the County will not pay the City of Alliance for a console. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign the letter continuing services with Lutz and Company, PC for consulting services, if needed to assist with compliance procedures with regards to the ARPA funds, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

With all agenda items address, Chairman Burke called recess at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman Burke called the BOARD OF EQUALIZATION to order at 1:02 p.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston and Steve Burke present. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded the proceedings of Board of Equalization. Notice of property protest hearings were published June 22, 2022 in the Alliance Times Herald. Agenda was emailed to the Board and posted on the county website: boxbuttecounty.us on July 1, 2022.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read and evidence heard from: Fred Nieman IV; Starla and Bart Endsley; not present – Jonathan Owen; not present - heard protest over the telephone from - Diane K. and James E. Olson; William Hemmer; Don Cler; Robert Buchheit; Tim Kumpf; Patricia Klemke; Spencer Brown; Rosa Vazquez; Terry Elliott; not present – Daneen Trout; not present heard protest over the telephone from Jaycee Parrett; not present - heard protest over the telephone from George Gurnett.

Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 3:40 p.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.



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Chairman Burke returned to regular session at 3:40 p.m., roll call: Burke and Johnston present.

Burke moved to sign Resolution 2022-06: Authorization to Exceed the Restriction of Expenditures, seconded by Johnston. Such resolution is needed in order for the County to meet statutory duties and responsibilities, as an emergency exists in order to pay Werner Construction, as a delay of payment could adversely affect the County's credit standing and potentially lead to litigation. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign and pay MC Schaff claim in the amount of \$49,392.00 and Werner Construction Inc. claim in the amount of \$3,240,381.07, for the West Otoe Road project, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes; McGinnis, absent. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., July 18, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, July 06, 2022, with BOARD OF EQUALIZATION notice of meeting published June 22, 2022. Agenda was emailed to Board members and news media and posted on the county website: boxbuttecountyne.gov July 15, 2022. Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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.

Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no public comment on agenda items, Burke moved to approve and sign July 1, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve and sign July 6, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no elected official's reports and office reports, correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on any meetings they had recently attended. County Clerk Messersmith informed the Board that the auditors will be conducting an audit the week of August 22, 2022 and that a budget workshop will be held with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson August 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

County Assessor Michelle Robinson informed the Board that the Dodge Durango, the Assessor's office drives, is in need of an air conditioner compressor, stating that Alliance Motors estimates the cost for repair between \$800.00 and \$1000.00. Burke moved to allow the repairs not to exceed \$1,500.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the Senior Services, Inc application exemption form 457 approving the exemption for a 2022 Ford E450 small bus, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

HVAC bids for the Slagle Building will be advertised to be received in the office of the County Clerk by 4:00 p.m., August 11, 2022, with bids to be opened at 9:30 a.m., August 15, 2022. Accepting or rejecting bids will be an agenda item for the August 15, 2022 board meeting. No action taken.

No report on agenda item regarding dispatch services, waiting for response from City of Alliance. No action taken.

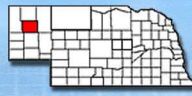
Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan asked the Board if they would consider listing the 2004 John Deere motor grader. Burke moved to surplus and list the 2004 John Deere motor grader with Purple Wave, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 9:45 a.m., to conduct quarterly jail visit.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:02 a.m., with roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, Steve Burke present.

Creative Tek representatives provided cyber security proposals for county offices, explaining what they could provide to the county. Chairman Burke stated that the Board will visit with each county office prior to making a decision regarding cyber security. Cyber security will be an agenda item for the August 3, 2022 board meeting. No action taken.

Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys, LLC., owner Jake Weber came before the Board to request payment for services provided at the county jail. Following discussion with reference to the agreement of services with Mr. Weber and deductions for equipment rental and fuel along with a 30% deduction from the remainder invoiced, Mr. Weber was



agreeable to \$16,026.20. A \$5,000.00 prepayment had been approved to Mr. Weber during the June 2022 claims. Johnston moved allowing accord and satisfaction payment of \$16,026.20 as full satisfaction of agreement and amendment to Emergency Plumbing & Contracting Weber Boys LLC, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

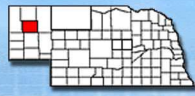
With no conflict claims to be approved, Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:30 a.m.

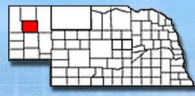
Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:58 p.m., with roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

1. Marty Moody (070024456) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
2. John Fletcher (070080372) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
3. Gary & Shirley Keane (070109141) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
4. Kyle King (070024782) - Patricia Johnston moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 8,190; Buildings: 120,865; Total: 129,055.
5. Daniel King (070038740) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 25,408; Buildings: 390,320; Total: 415,728.
6. Daniel King (070081174) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 17,975; Buildings: 329,605; Total: 347,580.
7. Ande Girard (070090181) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 88,257; Buildings: 384,345; Total: 472,602.
8. James O'Leary (070042098) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 59,090; Total: 65,390.
22. Lerick & Cheryl Johnson (070036713) - Patricia Johnston moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 5,950; Buildings: 119,135; Total: 125,085.
10. Larry & Andrea Luce (070105308) - Steve Burke moved after review and information received during hearings, no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
9. Gary Zander (070015945) - Patricia Johnston moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



11. Diane Miller & Milly Craig (070107998) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 9,865; Buildings: 38,385; Total: 48,250.
12. Thomas & Betty Sabala (070111898) - Patricia Johnston moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 15,775; Buildings: 147,880; Total: 163,655.
14. Edward Planansky (070021007) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 14,129; Buildings: 0; Total: 14,129.
15. Edward Planansky (070022143) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 4,965; Buildings: 0; Total: 4,965.
13. Joshua Payne (070094004) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 526,299; Buildings: 194,710; Total: 721,009.
16. Bobby Henderson (070235120) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 0; Buildings: 3,195; Total: 3,195.
17. Brandi Hamilton (070027986) - Patricia Johnston moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
18. Farmers Coop (070109478) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 63,834; Buildings: 939,335; Total: 1,003,169.
19. Farmers Coop (070109516) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 38,768; Buildings: 4,078,200; Total: 4,116,968.
20. Farmers Coop (070017875) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Mike McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 12,359; Buildings: 1,910,110; Total: 1,922,469.
21. Farmers Coop (070216495) - Patricia Johnston moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 59,372; Buildings: 734,065; Total: 793,065.
23. Ferd Niemann IV (070024316) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
24. Ferd Niemann IV (070024294) - Patricia Johnston moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
25. Ferd Niemann IV (070024324) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
26. Ferd Niemann IV (070010064) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
27. Marshall & Starla Endsley (070008094) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 16,639; Buildings: 288,050; Total: 304,689.



28. Jonathan Owen (070143641) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
29. James & Diane Olson (070108196) - Patricia Johnston moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 9,100; Buildings: 41,210; Total: 50,310.
30. William Hemmer (070039461) - Patricia Johnston moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
31. Donald Cler (070023530) - Patricia Johnston moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 8,190; Buildings: 81,985; Total: 90,175.
32. Donald Cler (070107866) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 24,112; Buildings: 20,910; Total: 45,022.
33. Robert Buchheit (070074992) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
34. Timothy & Debra Kumpf (070248826) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 12,191; Buildings: 125,860; Total: 138,051.
35. Timothy & Debra Kumpf (070137846) - Patricia Johnston moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
36. Patricia Klemke (070022240) - Steve Burke moved after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 97,955; Total: 103,205.
39. Spencer Brown (070035008) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 5,100; Buildings: 127,710; Total: 132,810.
37. Manuel & Rosa Vazquez (070227322) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
38. Manuel & Rosa Vazquez (070039755) - Patricia Johnston moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Steve Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
40. Terry Elliott (070075018) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 7,484; Buildings: 4,605; Total: 12,089.
41. Terry Elliott (070109001) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
42. Daneen Trout (070015252) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.
43. DuCharme, McMillen & Assoc, Inc (070001693) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 39,000; Buildings: 1,033,500; Total: 1,072,500.



44. Paradigm Tax Group (070037264) - Steve Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Land: 134,000; Buildings: 846,170; Total: 980,170.
45. Paradigm Tax Group (070015880) - Steve Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Patricia Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., August 3, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, July 20, 2022. Agenda was emailed to Board members and news media and posted on the county website: boxbuttecountyne.gov August 1, 2022. Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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.

Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve and sign July 18, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign monthly reports from Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds and County Sheriff, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no board reports, correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Property valuation protest was heard from Tracy Jatczak, 2806 Laramie Drive, Alliance, NE. Decision on Ms. Jatczak's protest will be an agenda item for the August 15, 2022 meeting. At 9:26 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Brad Moomey, 916 Big Horn, Alliance, NE spoke to the Board regarding procedures appointing a veteran to the veteran's board. Mr. Moomey informed the Board that Don Sheldon would be willing to serve as a member. Commissioner Johnston will contact Don Sheldon, Tom Hoeler and Steve Stanec to see if any of those veterans are willing to serve. Appointing a new board member will be an agenda item for the August 15, 2022 board meeting. Kenneth Foster had requested to speak to the Board regarding selection process and was not present to speak.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to approve and sign monthly payroll and invoices. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 121,911.80; AFLAC 2,493.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 472.12; Bank of the West 39,358.53; Box Butte County Treasurer 84,398.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 216.74; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,640.85; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,332.04; United States Treasury 298.53 IRS payment; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 37,586.58; AFLAC 177.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 148.22; Bank of the West 7,313.61; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,542.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,333.25; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,624.01; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

County Assessor Michelle Robinson provided a cemetery list of all cemeteries in Box Butte County to the Commissioners as required (77-202.10). No action taken.

County Treasurer Val Bell provided the Semi Annual Report for the Board's review. No action taken.

Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Representative Judd Allen presented NACO sponsored insurance plans. Mr. Allen stated that NACO health insurance coverage is currently being used by 58 counties. Renewal for the county's health plan will be during the month of October. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan was advised to proceed with a road study at the intersection of Keith Rd and CR63. Ms. Keegan estimated the cost of the study to be \$900.00, with findings to be brought before the Board during the September 19, 2022 board meeting. Burke moved to sign the Box Butte County "Local Public Agency" Annual Certification Form, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign a letter supporting the City of Alliance's application for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Grant to hold a tire amnesty event, allowing for Box Butte County rural residents to participate. Box Butte County may supply equipment and employees to assist with the tire amnesty, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign an engagement letter with Gardner, Loutzenhiser and Ryan, P.C., for audit services, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No action taken or discussion for memo of understanding/resolution for dispatch services.

Johnston moved to enter into one year agreement with CreativeTek for computer security, following discussion, Burke seconded the motion. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, no. Motion carried. Decision of which customized plan and terms will be an agenda item for the August 15, 2022 board meeting.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

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Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no public comment, Burke moved to approve and sign August 3, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Building and Grounds office report was reviewed, correspondence was acknowledged and Chairman Burke reported on meetings he had recently attended.

Two letters of interest had been received for appointment consideration to the Veteran's Service Board, from Dan Huss and Donald Sheldon. Johnston moved to appoint Donald J Sheldon to the Veteran's Service Board, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell provided the 2020 distress warrant list to the Board showing the amount of \$97,481.08 as uncollectible warrants returned by the Box Butte County Sheriff as required in State Section 77-1719.02. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor raising Tracy Jatczak property valuation, reflecting the increase in size of shed. Land \$8,726.00; Buildings \$2,410.00 Total \$11,136.00, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to sign the correction book, as presented by Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, correcting 2 mobile homes and accelerating 1 personal property. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Steve Jobman, Samantha Stoltenberg, Mark Hillier and Bryan Hillier were present to discuss health plan renewal options. Burke moved to continue the health plan with RCI (Regional Care Inc) and IOA RE as the carrier contingent upon 1.5% maximum costs, and to go with Prodigy as a carrier if IOA RE does not match or beat costs, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to renew the organ & tissue transplant policy with HCC Life Insurance Company at no increase, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Employee costs will not be increased for this renewal with RCI. Brokers will obtain bids for life insurance rates to be presented and voted on during a future meeting.

Chairman Burke opened two bids for HVAC replacement at the Slagle Building. Peltz Companies, Inc. proposal in the amount \$109,000.00 and Jack's Heating, Cooling, Stoves & Fireplaces proposal in the amount of \$50,689.00. Peltz Company Product Controller Randy Hitchcock was present to answer questions regarding their proposal, stating the \$109,000.00 proposal included all electrical needed. Burke moved to award the HVAC replacement project to Jack's Heating, Cooling, Stoves & Fireplaces at a cost of \$50,689.00 not including electrical, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barbara Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing fuel and equipment repairs. Burke moved to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2022 and Resolution 2022-07, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Building and Grounds employees have inventoried surplus equipment on the fourth floor of the courthouse along with surplus equipment located in the basement of the Slagle Building and the storage sheds. No action taken. Building and Grounds report included a recent letter from County Attorney Curtiss to Willdan regarding the County Courthouse HVAC system's continued use of Glycol. No action taken.

No action taken on memo of understanding for Dispatch Services.

CreativeTek was chosen to provide computer security for the County of Box Butte during the August 3, 2022 board meeting. Two options were presented to the Board for their decision. Johnston moved to enter into the agreement with CreativeTek in the amount of \$1,899.00, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, no. Motion did not carry. Burke moved to enter into a one-year plan with CreativeTek in the amount of \$1,299.00, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, no; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With no conflict claims, Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:35 a.m., to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Johnston, McGinnis and Burke present. At 11:40 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session that had been called to discuss possible litigation, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken in regular session.

Chairman Burke called recess at 11:45 a.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, Steve Burke present.

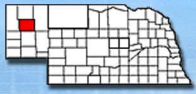
During budget discussion, the Board heard from Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Deputy Sheriff JD Sutphen, Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder, Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell, Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, Extension Office Clerk Carol Kleinsasser, County Clerk Judy Messersmith, County Attorney Terry Curtiss, and Public Defender Enet Sommers-Dehaney. Discussed Planning and Zoning budget. Veteran's Service Office budget was discussed, with Burke making a motion to increase Veteran Service Office clerical staff employee, Amy Jensen's hourly rate to \$16.23 effective with the current pay period, this will be reflected on the September 8, 2022 payroll, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk



Box Butte County Board Minutes



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Box Butte County Commissioners held a budget workshop August 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioner Board Room located on the second floor of the Box Butte County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance, NE. Notice of workshop meeting was published August 10, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Agenda was emailed to board members and posted on the county website August 15, 2022. Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., with roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. County Clerk Judy Messersmith recorded the proceedings. Following Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Burke acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted on the North wall of the Commissioner Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson met with Commissioners Johnston, McGinnis, and Burke, Elected and appointed officials County Sheriff Tammy Mowry, Chief Deputy JD Sutphen, County Assessor Michelle Robinson, County Treasurer Val Bell, County Clerk Judy Messersmith and Road Superintendent Barb Keegan. Keep Alliance Beautiful Director Kathy Worley was also present to request funding. The Board and Budget Consultant discussed expenditure requests from each office and fund account along with revenue estimates for the fiscal year 2022-2023. Changes were made to travel expense 2 1700; mileage allowance 2 1704; and dues, subscriptions, registrations 2 1751 lines to equalize offices in those fund expense lines.

Chairman Burke called recess at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the workshop meeting at 2:07 p.m., with roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present.

Several expenditure codes will be corrected using the current Nebraska auditor of public accounting and budgeting system for Nebraska counties. The Clerks office will make necessary changes and monitor codes used on future claims.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson informed the Board after final figures had been entered that the County of Box Butte did not increase their Property Tax Request by more than 2% plus growth.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2022-08: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2022-09: Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%), seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2022-10: Authorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned the workshop meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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Chairman

County Clerk

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., September 7, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, August 24, 2022. Agenda was emailed to Board members and news media and posted on the county website: boxbuttecountyne.gov September 1, 2022. Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. 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 accept the agenda with two items added timely, cyber security contract and budget discussion to increase revenue from surplus sales, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items.

Building and Grounds office reports included the courthouse elevator emergency discussion. KONE representatives informed the board that they are waiting on an engineer study for a solution to the elevator part's size. Richard Legal from KONE stated that this was their mistake and that the engineers will come up with a solution. His speculation is KONE will find a machine to work in the current smaller space.

Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 125,978.53; AFLAC 2,493.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 472.12; Bank of the West 41,035.18; Box Butte County Treasurer 85,472.00; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 220.04; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,684.41; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,602.19; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 40,612.98; AFLAC 177.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 126.18; Bank of the West 8,057.26; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,530.19; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,870.06; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

Burke moved to approve August 15, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the August 22, 2022, budget workshop minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign County Sheriff, Clerk of District Court, County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented one correction, a mobile home acceleration. Burke moved to sign the correction book, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:33 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

CreativeTek owner Jose Pruneda along with his employee Evan Mehne were present to provide more information regarding the \$1,299.00 technology plan along with terms and conditions agreement for cyber security. Mr. Pruneda questioned the board regarding a 1 year motion. County Attorney Curtiss informed Mr. Pruneda that the Board has the option to extend, and at the end of 12 months the cost could be adjusted to reflect price increases.

No board reports and correspondence was acknowledged and available for public review. Powertech service agreement will be added to the September 19, 2022 agenda.

Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to accept and sign office inventory property statements as required by State Statute Section 23-347. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Box Butte County Sheriff/Jail inventory sheet will be on the September 19, 2022 agenda.



Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2022-11: issuing tax sale certificates, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2022-12: “not” mark any taxes collections and be stricken from the tax rolls, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer and the Board discussed the employee appreciation/safety meeting dinner with Hemingford Legion, Eagles and Westside Event Center all being named as a possibility. Box Butte County Treasurer Bell will check for available dates and menu options.

Road report was reviewed and read.

Discussion, possible memo of understanding for Dispatch Services will be an agenda item for the September 19, 2022 board meeting.

With the recent sale of surplus equipment, an additional \$40,000.00 revenue will be added to the budget documents, in order to decrease tax asking. Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson will be contacted to adjust the budget documents prior to publication and hearings.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., September 19, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of hearings and meeting were published September 14, 2022 in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 16, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, present; Mike McGinnis, absent; Steve Burke, present. Burke moved to excuse Commissioner Mike McGinnis, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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. Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the final tax request hearing at 9:01 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith stated that three copies of the proposed budget were available for public view. At 9:16 a.m. with no members of the public speaking for or against setting the final tax request, Burke moved to close the final tax request hearing, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the budget hearing and budget summary hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism or suggestions to the proposed budget at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With no members of the public speaking for or against the fiscal year 2022-23 proposed budget, Burke moved to close the budget hearing and budget summary at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:31 a.m., September 19, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE, immediately following tax request hearing and budget hearing. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, present; Mike McGinnis, absent; Steve Burke, present. Johnston moved to excuse Commissioner Mike McGinnis, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2022-14: Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022-23, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

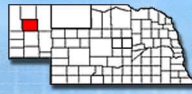
Burke moved to sign Resolution 2022-15: Setting Property Tax Request 2022-23, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve September 7, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign County Sheriff monthly report, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended.

County Treasurer Val Bell presented the 2021 Tax Remaining Report, Real & Personal, All Collections Records report to the Board for their review. No action taken.

County Treasurer Bell provided an update for the annual employee appreciation dinner. This year's appreciation dinner will be held at the Hemingford American Legion on November 18, 2022. More information will be provided after arrangements are finalized.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Resolution 2022-13: placing stop signs at the intersection of CR63 and Keith Road in the southeast corner of Section 29, Township 26, Range 48 and the northwest corner of Section 33, Township 26, Range 48 was discussed. A road study and recommendation from M.C. Schaff &



Associates was provided. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to sign Resolution 2022-13. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Dennis Laughlin, retired Veteran's Service Officer, was present to provide his opinion and recommendation for Ms. Sarah Foland to be appointed as the next Box Butte County Veteran's Service Officer. Chairman Burke relayed his conversation with Troy Sorensen, Box Butte County Veteran's Advisory Board President, that the Board's recommendation would be Sarah Foland. At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Burke moved to enter into closed session to discuss personnel, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Johnston and Burke attended the closed session. Chairman Burke moved to close the closed session at 10:13 a.m., that had been called to discuss personnel, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With the Veteran's Advisory Board and retired Veteran's Service Officer's recommendation, Burke moved to offer Sarah Foland the position of Box Butte County Veteran's Service Officer, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

An engineer study will need to be completed before any additional work can begin to repair the elevator. Due to the elevator company measuring and ordering the wrong machine, the county has been left with an emergency situation in moving forward with repairs. An engineering company will be contacted in order to obtain a study as soon as possible. Elevator repair will continue to be an agenda item, with updates from the engineer, contractor and elevator company.

Burke moved to enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding interlocal agreement for dispatch services (Agreement #2022-07) with the County of Scotts Bluff, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign service agreement 2022-06 with PowerTech LLC for emergency stand-by generating service, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No bids were received in the office of the County Clerk for courthouse and jail building roof repairs, following the July 2021 hail storm. County Attorney Curtiss will advise if this will need to be rebid.

Following review of monthly claims, Burke moved to sign monthly claims as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., October 5, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 21, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, October 3, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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. Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign September 19, 2022 minutes as written. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, abstain, Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public inspection. Commissioners reported on any board meetings they had recently attended.

Burke moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 121,688.77; AFLAC 2,493.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 472.12; Bank of the West 39,484.79; Box Butte County Treasurer 85,472.00; Credit Management Services Inc 386.77; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 216.74; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 22,862.96; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,478.85; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net payroll 37,526.36; AFLAC 177.45; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 126.18; Bank of the West 7,329.13; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,341.10; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,661.70; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06. **HEALTH INS CLAIM FUND:** 201,895.79.

Burke moved to accept and sign Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry 2022 inventory property list, as per State Statute Section 23-346, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:16 a.m., Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to adopt (Resolution 2022-15) fiscal year 2022-2023 levies, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve Senior Services, Inc., application for exemption form 457, previously approved by Box Butte County Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, was present to discuss the roof expansion for the elevator machine and costs for complete replacement. KONE representative Glenn Barbera spoke to the Board via telephone, discussing the fact that the machine ordered by KONE will not fit in the elevator machine room (dog house) located on the courthouse roof. Mr. Barbera stated that the walls of the machine room (dog house) must be rebuilt with a 36 inch minimum around the machine. The Board informed Mr. Barbera that they did not feel that the county should be responsible for the additional costs, as KONE employees had measured and ordered the machine to KONE's specs. Mr. Barbera said he will contact his "higher-ups" to ask about the costs, with Chairman Burke stating again that the additional expense should be KONE's responsibility. County Attorney Curtiss also stated that the County was sold a machine that will not fit and it should not be the County's responsibility. Mr. Barbera will contact the County after he has spoken to his "higher-ups." Mr. Berggren will do some research on hydraulic elevator specs and costs for discussion.

County Attorney Curtiss will advertise for the courthouse and law enforcement roof repair/replacement bids. No bids had been received during the previous request for bidding. Roof replacement is due to the July 2021 hail storm. Bids must be received in the office of the County Clerk by 4:00 p.m., October 28, 2022 with bids to be opened, accepted or rejected 10:00 a.m., November 2, 2022.



Road Department employee, Karna Hansen, provided a road and equipment report.

County Treasurer Bell provided the Board with the details for the County Employee Appreciation Dinner to be held November 18, 2022, at the Hemingford American Legion. Employee's meal will be provided, and employees will be responsible for spouse or guest meal cost. The Board chose two options, prime rib or shrimp. All RSVP's and payment for guest or spouse must be turned into the Treasurer's office by November 1, 2022.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to switch life insurance carriers from Mutual of Omaha to Equitable. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Broker Samantha Stoltenberg will be contacted, in order for Regional Care Inc. (RCI) to make the changes.

Burke called recess at 11:15 a.m., in order for the Board to conduct a quarterly jail visit, as required (47-109).

Burke resumed the meeting at 11:55 a.m., with roll call: Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, Steve Burke, present.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., October 17, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 5, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, October 14, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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 accept the agenda with an emergency item added at 1:45 p.m., October 14, 2022, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved, seconded by Burke to sign October 5, 2022 minutes as written. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry requested to increase the Sheriff's petty cash fund from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00, as the sheriff's office is paying monthly bills out of the petty cash fund in order to avoid late charges. Johnston moved to approve the increase of \$500.00, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended or will attend, acknowledged correspondence that is available for public view and read the building and grounds office report.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds Judy Messersmith requested \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 from the ARPA fund for a register of deeds microfiche/microfilm conversion project. The current balance in the Preservation and Moderization Fund is \$36,470.63, with the MIPS scanning project estimated to cost \$57,310.60 to \$60,000.00. Although the project would qualify for the use of ARPA funds the Board choose not to allow the request. Burke moved to loan up to \$25,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to be repaid over a ten-year period out of the Preservation and Moderization Fund at \$2,500.00 per year, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White informed the Board that she had not heard from KONE or Jerry Berggren regarding the elevator repair.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing the 2007 JD 770D motor grader, with Chairman Burke advising Road Superintendent Keegan to move forward with the repairs needed. Commissioners read an Ordinance that the Village of Hemingford had recently passed, relating to truck routes within the corporate limits. KL Wood proprietor, Ken Wood discussed the quality of rock that has been crushed at the Jespersen Pit and had talked to Doug Hashman about the possibility of crushing rock out of his pit to full fill the contract. Mr. Wood will move equipment to the Hashman Pit, stating that safety is his number one concern during the harvest season. Mr. Wood and Mr. Hashman will enter into a contract with the same terms for the delivery cycle with the balance of 30,000 tons remaining.

Burke moved to sign the MAXIMUS certificate of cost allocation plan, as MAXIMUS has completed the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. This computes percentage rates for indirect cost within the Clerk of District Court and County Attorney/Child Support Offices.

Burke moved to sign as the person casting the ballot for the county during the NACO December Election, with County Treasurer Val Bell as the designee in the event Chairman Burke is unavailable, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Added as an emergency agenda item, Attorney Victor Covalt recommended personal property tax and interest for 2013, 2014 and 2015 be stricken from the tax rolls under Neb. Rev. Stat 76-1738 as the taxes and interest are impossible to collect by reason of discharge in bankruptcy. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign Resolution 2022-16. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign monthly claims as presented. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



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With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., November 2, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 5, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, November 1, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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 accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve October 17, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence and board reports – none.

Karen Benzel with United Way provided 2020 Pre-Application for Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding. Ms. Benzel outlined that these funds would be used for backpack programs, community table, and food banks, and that Box Butte County is eligible for \$200,999.47 of federal funds. Johnston moved, seconded by McGinnis allowing Chairman Burke to sign the grant application. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston allowing the needed repairs to the 2012 Dodge Caravan, currently being used by the Veterans Office, with the Alliance Motors Unlimited estimated repair cost of \$565.94. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Val Bell provided the delinquent 2021 and prior personal property and tax list to the Board for their review. The Distress Warrants will be issued to the Box Butte County Sheriff. No action taken.

Public Defender Enet Somers-Dehaney came before the Board to request additional funding for a part-time clerical position. Burke moved allowing for \$10,000.00 to be added to a part-time clerical line in the public defender budget, with this position having no benefits and will not exceed 25 hours per week, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried. A resolution transferring funds from Miscellaneous General to Public Defender budget will be an agenda item for the November 21, 2022 meeting.

Burke moved, seconded by McGinnis to sign Resolution 2022-17 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for annual incentive payments. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, discussing with the Board, Village of Hemingford's weight limit resolution. Discussed were the Village codes and ordinances. County Attorney Curtiss will write a letter to the Village of Hemingford regarding their proposed weight limits and truck routes. Murphy Tractor representative Mike Bateman was present to inform the Board that the 2023 John Deere 772G 6WD will be delivered soon. Mr. Bateman will provide an invoice to the Clerk's office prior to November 16, 2022 for payment during the November claims. Filter bids will be accepted in the office of the County Clerk until 4:00 p.m., December 5, 2022, to be awarded during the December 7, 2022 board meeting. Fuel contract bids will be discussed in December.

The Board visited with Architect Jerry Berggren via telephone conference to discuss the elevator repair/replacement options. Commissioner Johnston will contact KONE, as KONE has already received a check in the amount of \$159,144.50 dated December 8, 2021, for replacement parts. Elevator repair or possible replacement will be an agenda item for the November 21, 2022 board meeting. No action taken.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston, to sign Resolution 2022-18 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board that NIRMA is representing most of the counties involved in the law suit, Hill vs: Election Systems & Software and Box Butte County. No action taken.



Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to approve and sign payroll as presented. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 124,987.54; AFLAC 2,787.83; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 462.12; Bank of the West 40,970.13; Box Butte County Treasurer 81,856.00; Credit Management Services, Inc. 418.62; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 206.16; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans 23,364.97; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,805.58; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 35,611.77; AFLAC 239.32; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 126.18; Bank of the West 6,682.06; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,728.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,215.50; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,495.88; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

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Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:02 a.m., November 21, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 9, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, November 18, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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. Johnston moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve November 2, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign September and October County Sheriff monthly reports, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence included County Attorney Curtiss providing a Memorandum Order for Case No. CI22-58 Cody Renkoski vs: Box Butte County. The board members reported on meetings they had recently attended.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Treasurer Bell had previously approved two applications for exemption Form 457. Burke moved to approve Senior Services, Inc application for two vans, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve Holy Rosary Catholic Church application for a van, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Robinson had previously approved an exemption application form 451 for Heartland Baptist Church, as the Heartland Baptist Church had recently purchased the former Alliance Christian Church. Burke moved to approve the application, seconded by Johnston and correcting the tax year on the form from 2022 to 2023. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Treasurer Bell stated that she must report Homestead tax loss in the amount of \$515,417.96 to the Board. However, this money will be returned to the county from the state in six payments. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee Lori White informed the Board that she had spoken with architect Jerry Berggren, Jock Faris/Faris Plumbing, Josh Carr/Century Link and Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Inc. regarding expansion needed for a hydraulic elevator. Commissioner Johnston had spoken to KONE and stated that KONE is working with another vendor for a solution. No action taken. Ms. White provided an update on the HVAC for the Slagle building, stating that installation had begun.

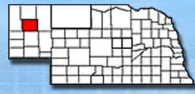
Lori White presented a verbal estimate on chimney removal cost from Ash Masonry in the amount of \$33,700.00. Robert Nation Inc. had provided an estimate to Ms. White with two options, one for removal and an option for repair. Motion made by Burke to move forward with option #1: remove chimney to roof line and repair roof where chimney was for the amount of \$28,841.00, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Kenneth Foster had requested to speak to the Board regarding transportation provided by the Veteran's Service Office. No action taken.

Chief Deputy JD Sutphen was present to request the purchase of a 2023 1500 Dodge pickup to replace the vehicle Sheriff Mowry is currently driving. Burke moved to approve the vehicle purchase in the amount of \$38,122.00, to be paid out of Miscellaneous General (cars and trucks line), with the used vehicle going to the road department, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report, asking to hold \$5,000.00 from the Werner's Construction payment until a bump on West Otoe Road is repaired. The board discussed setting a date for the 1 & 6 year road hearing, with no decision made at this time.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to sign Resolution 2022-19, ratifying the \$10,000.00 transfer from Miscellaneous general to Public Defender part time clerical, and that the \$10,000.00 was for part-time salary and not be used as operating



funds. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston and Burke signed Resolution 2022-19, as McGinnis had voted against the motion at the November 2, 2022 meeting.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to table an appointment to the Veteran's Service Board to the December 7, 2022 meeting, asking for letters of interest. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Veteran Service Officer Sarah Foland will contact those that have expressed an interest in serving.

Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to approve monthly claims as presented. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Bids from Twin City Roofing and Sheetmetal and Weathercraft Co. were timely accepted and opened. Weathercraft Co. representative Jeremy Rechsteiner was present to discuss the law enforcement roof and courthouse roof specifications. Burke moved to table the bid letting until the December 7, 2022, board meeting, allowing time to request information from the county's insurance carrier NIRMA, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss suggested tabling the Master Agreement Land Survey Corner Preservation & Resolution until County Surveyor Scott Bosse' could review the agreement and provide his opinion. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to table this resolution until the December 7, 2022 board meeting. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:05 a.m., December 7, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 23, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, December 6, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, Office Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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 accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved to approve November 21, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 123,818.93; AFLAC 2,739.86; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 462.12; Bank of the West 40,473.39; Box Butte County Treasurer 83,896.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 509.69; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 212.76; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,123.51; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,786.99; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net payroll 37,289.60; AFLAC 239.32; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 126.18; Bank of the West 7,072.72; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,044.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,333.61; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,617.95; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public inspection. The Commissioners had no information to report on board meetings.

Johnston moved to appoint Paul Millwood II as the VFW representative on the Veteran's Board, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Following review of Box Butte County Surveyor Scott Bossé's response to the proposed Master Agreement Land Survey Corner Preservation & Resolution, the board asked County Attorney Curtiss to formally contact the state, requesting they contact Scott Bossé about modifications to the Agreement and Resolution. Burke moved to table the Master Agreement and Resolution until the January 5, 2023 board meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke spoke with John Christensen, NIRMA Claims Manager, in regards to the roof requirements for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. Christensen advised that NIRMA does not have a 30-year requirement and will not pay for such warranty. The bid submitted by Twin City Roofing meets all of NIRMA's requirements. Burke moved to accept the roof repair bid submitted by Twin City Roofing for the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke also spoke with John Christensen about the Courthouse chimney damage and if it would be covered by insurance. Christensen reported that NIRMA does not see this as an insurance issue, as it is a direct result of a lack of maintenance. NIRMA would be willing to pay a small portion of the repair, but will not cover the cost in its entirety. Burke moved to pay for the chimney repair bid out of the Inheritance Fund less NIRMA's contribution, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnston reported that KONE has been unresponsive to her attempts to contact them about the Courthouse elevator. Architect Jerry Berggren has reviewed the building layout and has suggested that expanding the elevator shaft to the North is a more practical option than expanding the shaft to the East. A traction style elevator has also been presented as a possible alternative option to the hydraulic elevator. Burke moved to have an engineer study conducted to determine the total cost to make the elevator ADA compliant, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, abstain; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Building and Grounds employee Lori White has been in contact with Jock Faris/Faris Plumbing on an estimate for a water bottle fountain unit in the lobby. The Commissioners would like Ms. White to get a second bid for a regular fountain unit. Ms. White provided an update on the HVAC for the Slagle building, stating everything is installed and they will complete the AC hookup in the spring.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan is going to return the 1991 John Deere Backhoe to the yard for further evaluation and direction from the Board. Keegan has a fuel bid request prepared and is waiting for Board authorization.

Burke moved to accept Koke's filter bid for a two-year period, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., December 19, 2022, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 7, 2022, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication had been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, December 16, 2022. Roll call: Patricia Johnston; Mike McGinnis; Steve Burke, present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss 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 accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve December 7, 2022 minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No elected officials reports or board reports. Correspondence was available for public view.

Following review of monthly claims/invoices, Burke moved to sign and approve monthly claims as presented, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

At 9:20 a.m., Burke moved to open as BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the correction book with two personal property corrections. Burke moved to allow signature on the correction book, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:24 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Following the Building and Grounds report from Lori White, Chairman Burke stated that he and the maintenance staff will meet with Flannel Brothers owner Patrick Hartman to establish snow removal guidelines. Burke moved allowing Faris Plumbing to install a water fountain/bottle filler in the courthouse building, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ms. White will contact Jock Faris to move forward with the installation of the water fountain/bottle filler.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Ms. Keegan informed the Board that the road crews had been working in shifts to open roads following the recent four-day blizzard.

The courthouse was emptied of all occupants at 9:40 a.m., due to the fire alarms sounding. Following the "all clear" from the Alliance Fire Department, roll call at 10:27 a.m. Patricia Johnston, Mike McGinnis, Steve Burke present.

Burke moved to set the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing for February 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan had received a partial abandonment/vacation request from Larry Bauer. The Board will hold a hearing February 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., following three publications.

A Disaster Declaration from Region 23 Emergency Agency had been received in the office of the Road Department prior to the meeting. At 11:10 a.m., Burke moved to amend the agenda adding the Disaster Resolution, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the Region 23 Disaster Declaration stating Box Butte County had suffered from a blizzard occurring on December 12, 2022 and is on-going, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m., as advertised. Roll call: Patricia Johnston, absent; Mike McGinnis, present, Steve Burke, present. County Attorney Terry Curtiss present.

Jim Gardner, CPA, with Gardner, Loutzenhiser & Ryan, presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Following the presentation of the audit, Burke moved to accept the audit, seconded by McGinnis. Johnston, absent; McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk