

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., January 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 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, January 4, 2023. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike McGinnis, absent; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa 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 Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the resignation of Commissioner Mike McGinnis, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

REORGANIZATION 2023

Ditsch nominated Steve Burke as **Chairman**, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke nominated Brett Ditsch as **Vice-Chairman**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the same boards as appointed in 2022, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke

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

Welfare Board Chairman

Vice-Chairman Ditsch

Box Butte Development Corporation Board

Welfare Board Vice-Chairman

Box Butte General Hospital Board

Northwest Community Action Board

Region 23 Emergency Management Agency

Burke moved to appoint Ditsch to the **Senior Citizens Board** and **Extension Board** until a third Commissioner has been appointed, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to appoint Burke to the **Public Health Board/Panhandle Partnership** until a third Commissioner has been appointed, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint the Commissioners as **Building & Grounds Directors**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint Barbara Keegan as **Road Superintendent**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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



Burke moved to appoint Scott Bossé as **County Surveyor** as needed, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to appoint Sarah Foland as **Veteran's Service Officer**, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint Brett Lauder as **Weed Superintendent**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to designate **Banks as Depositories** as presented, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

BANK OF THE WEST (ALLIANCE BRANCH)

WELLS FARGO BANK

NPAIT

GREAT WESTERN BANK

FNBO

NEBRASKA BANK (Alliance & Hemingford Branches)

SANDHILLS STATE BANK

MERIDIAN TRUST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION (Veterans Office)

Burke moved to designate Alliance Times-Herald and The Ledger as **County Newspapers**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to designate KCOW/AM & KAAQ/FM as **County Radio Stations**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to designate www.boxbuttecountyne.gov as the official **County Website**, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to set the **2023 Regular Board Meetings**, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

January 17, 2023; February 6, 2023; February 21, 2023; March 6, 2023; March 20, 2023; April 5, 2023; April 17, 2023; May 3, 2023; May 15, 2023; June 5, 2023; June 20, 2023; July 5, 2023; July 17, 2023; August 2, 2023; August 21, 2023; September 6, 2023; September 18, 2023; October 4, 2023; October 16, 2023; November 6, 2023; November 20, 2023; December 6, 2023; December 18, 2023.

Burke moved to set the **2023 Holidays**, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

New Year's Day	January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King Day	January 16, 2023
President's Day	February 20, 2023
Arbor Day	April 28, 2023
Memorial Day	May 29, 2023
Juneteenth	June 19, 2023
Independence Day	July 4, 2023
Labor Day	September 4, 2023



Columbus Day	October 9, 2023
Veteran's Day	November 10, 2023
Thanksgiving	November 23, 2023
Day after Thanksgiving	November 24, 2023
Christmas	December 25, 2023

35-Hr Employees = 91 Holiday Hours
40-Hr Employees = 104 Holiday Hours

Ditsch moved to approve December 19, 2022 minutes with the correction of meeting date from December 7, 2022 to December 19, 2022, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the snow removal boundaries for Flannel Brothers and K L Wood. It was clarified that the County is responsible for the snow removal of the sidewalk in front of the Law Enforcement Center and the sidewalk on the South side adjacent to the Law Enforcement Center. Ms. White has continued her discussions with Jay Dubs on the elevator clearance requirements. Commissioner Burke has Stephen Klaas, Klass Structural Engineering, LLC, scheduled next week to do an on-site visit to assess the feasibility of a possible elevator shaft expansion.

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

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net payroll 122,531.43; AFLAC 2,372.36; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 434.10; Bank of the West 40,904.56; Box Butte County Treasurer 78,890.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 514.79; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 205.48; MASA Global Building 153.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,319.17; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,787.72; Independent Eye Care Professionals 11.88. **ROAD:** Net payroll 45,367.98; AFLAC 239.32; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 126.18; Bank of the West 9,376.31; Box Butte County Treasurer 2,044.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 3.40; MASA Global Building 50.00; Midland Funding LLC 499.61; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,117.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,875.79; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 2,242.58; Independent Eye Care Professionals 24.06.

Box Butte County Treasurer, Valery Bell, clarified that although money was budgeted in the Highway Bond Fund, adequate funds had not been collected at the time of request to pay a December claim to BOK Financial in the amount of \$73,426.98. Bell contacted the Auditor and their recommendation was to seek board approval for short-term borrowing from the Inheritance Fund to be paid back once funds become available. Burke moved to transfer \$73,426.98 from the Inheritance Fund to the Highway Bond Fund to be paid back as funds are available, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Val Jansante, Congressman Adrian Smith staff, gave a brief update on federal and state matters, including the Speaker of the House, IRS funding of extra agents, and Waters of The United States (WOTUS).

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. The 2004 CAT motor grader had a new transmission put in it and with 505 engine hours it is having transmission problems that will be covered under warranty. Keegan plans to burn the tree pile at Lore's and is unsure of how much tree trimming and removal the crew will complete this year. At this time, FEMA will not be reimbursing for snow removal. Through the NIRMA Assist program, the Road Department will be purchasing 15 cameras to be installed in the motor graders and trucks.



Burke moved to accept the bid proposal submitted by Westco for 30,000 gallons at \$3.165 in the amount of \$94,950.00 (Option – C), seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign Resolution 2023-01, to set a public hearing for a partial road vacation on February 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint Tory McVicker to the Box Butte County Extension Board, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 10:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Treasurer Bell presented four Form 457 applications. Burke moved to approve Form 457 applications from Evangelical Free Church of Alliance, Holy Rosary Community, Sisters of St. Francis, Human Services, Inc., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Box Butte County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, requested the Board to approve a claim in the amount of \$29.94 to Capstone for a refund for 2021 taxes paid. Burke moved to accept the claim to Capstone for \$29.94, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book as presented by Robinson, correcting eight Homestead Exemption filings from the 2020 tax year identified by the Department of Revenue income audits, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 10:28 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bell came before the Board to discuss the inclement weather policy. Bell expressed concerns about who should be making the decision, what weather conditions warrant closure, and whether or not staff should be paid if the courthouse is closed due to inclement weather. Assessor Robinson shared that she would like to have a notification system in place, such as CodeRed that notifies all staff members of courthouse closures. A committee consisting of elected officials and Commissioner Ditsch will meet and present policy suggestions at the January 17, 2023 Commissioners meeting.

Ditsch moved to approve signing the Nebraska Crime Commission FY2024 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid (EB) Application, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the Master Agreement and Resolution until the January 17, 2023 board meeting, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:50 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., January 17, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published January 11, 2023, 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, January 13, 2023. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy 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 Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the January 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign Sheriff monthly reports for November and December, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Box Butte County Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report that was published in The Ledger. No action taken.

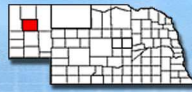
Box Butte County Weed Superintendent, Brett Lauder, presented the annual Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2022. Noxious weed control enforcement has been updated to include both a 10-day and 15-day notice. The infestation report numbers have been updated to reflect accurate figures for Canada thistle and Leafy spurge. Burke moved to sign the Noxious Weed Control Plan, Activity Report, Budget Report, Weed Control Authority Board Roster, and the Noxious Weed Infestation Report, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. Discussion was held about tank storage capacities at each of the facilities. Zoning restrictions and containment standards restrict the possibility of installing larger fuel storage tanks. Ms. Keegan has been in contact with Dudley Prochazka about building the road up at the entrance of the Prochazka Pit.

Valery Bell reported to the Board on the proposed Inclement Weather Policy that the committee drafted. Deputy County Attorney, Terry Curtiss, stated that ultimately the Commissioners are responsible for opening/closing the courthouse and should have the final say. The Board would like the committee members to consult with the Road Department and/or the Sheriff's office to obtain an accurate assessment of the road conditions. Burke moved to table the inclement weather policy to the February 6, 2023 Commissioner's meeting, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke addressed the vacation accrual policy as laid out in the handbook. Employees are only allowed to carry vacation hours equivalent to the amount they would be able to earn in a year. Once an employee has maxed out their vacation hours, they are unable to accrue additional hours until such time as they are under the maximum amount. Effective July 1, 2023, the time and attendance program vacation hours will be updated to reflect the maximum amount each employee can earn in a year in accordance to their tenure with the County. Employees who are currently exceeding their true maximum accrual amount should use vacation time prior to May 31, 2023 in order to continue to accrue vacation hours each month. Each department will be responsible for letting the Clerk's office know when an employee has earned additional vacation hours and moves into the next years of service bracket.

Elevator discussions continued to include the findings of Klass Structural Engineering, LLC. The North wall can be moved 12" without any structural problems. The Board is inclined to go the route of a Hydraulic Lift elevator rather than a Traction Control system, as the Doghouse would no longer be necessary. Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects was available for questions via telephone. The fee schedule was discussed in regards to on-site inspections and consultants retained by the architect. The named consultants in the agreement are encompassed in the overall cost of the project and will not be billed separately. Berggren did note that being ADA compliant is a part of the requirements of the project specs. Burke moved to sign the Owner-Architect Agreement with Berggren Architects, Agreement 2023-01, with the following contingencies: the elevator must be ADA compliant, the cost of changing the elevator doors is included in the bid, the bidder or architect shall bear all costs associated with any changes to the elevator car or any wall other than the North wall, not Box Butte County, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to rescind



the contract with KONE and to send a letter requesting full refund, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2022-20, the Master Agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of Nebraska for County Surveyor Services, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, brought forward problems with the new concrete, including scaling and the crack in the sidewalk on the Northwest corner that has not been fixed by K L Wood. The location of the handicap stall and signage were both matters that need to be discussed with the City of Alliance. Patrick Hartman, Flannel Brothers, had mentioned the possibility of applying a salt water brine mix to the parking lot and sidewalks prior to snow events at the rate of \$215.00/application. With the increasing cost of private snow removal, the County is going to look into purchasing their own snow removal equipment for Buildings and Grounds to operate. For the time being, if there is 1" or less of snowfall, Building and Grounds is to remove the snow. In the event that snowfall exceeds 1", Building and Grounds is to notify Flannel Brothers.

Burke moved to allocate the National Opioid Settlement funds for year 2 to Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:10 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:32 a.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Prior to approving monthly claims, the Board discussed claims to Western Nebraska Newspapers \$339.28, Michelle Robinson \$262.97, Michael Johnson \$1,250.00, City of Alliance \$12,865.80, and Brett Lauder \$5,126.25. Burke referenced Nebraska State Statute §13-2203 in regard to public funds being used for employee retirement expenses. Burke spoke with Johnson prior to the meeting about providing the board with reports to justify an increase in pay. Burke moved to approve and sign monthly claims with the exception of the \$339.28 Western Nebraska Newspapers Invoice and the \$262.97 Michelle Robinson Invoice, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:40 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 9:02 a.m., February 6, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published January 25, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, February 3, 2023. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were 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 Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,372.36; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 462.12; BANK OF THE WEST 40,768.11; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 81,328.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 568.97; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 456.66; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 202.18; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 192.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 23,011.82; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 5,781.45; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 8,019.59; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 3.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC 544.25; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 1,117.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,604.82; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,897.39; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 161,417.26.

Box Butte County Treasurer, Valery Bell, notified the Board that the current bankruptcy legal counsel, Vic Covalt, has retired and recommended David Thompson with Thompson Law PC. Burke moved to allow Treasurer Bell to sign the engagement letter with David Thompson, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting the acceleration of 2023 taxes on the 2022 rate for Property ID 070177988, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Robinson, presented a Form 451 for Heartland Baptist Church 2012. This was previously approved in November, however, Form 451's cannot be acted on prior to February 1st. Burke moved to approve the Form 451 as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Architect Jerry Berggren was present to discuss the Owner-Architect Agreement concerns identified at the previous meeting. Berggren believes the contract as it is written covers all the issues of concern. The budget includes enough money should the wall or equipment need to be altered. Upon approval of contract, the turn-around time for the documents to go out to bid would be around 45 days. The Board is waiting for further clarification from KONE prior to entering into an agreement with Berggren Architects. Burke moved to allow Berggren to complete the measurements on an hourly basis, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to table the Owner-Architect Agreement 2023-01 to February 21, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the budget discussion with the Public Defender to February 21, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve the Weed Superintendent Contract for 2023, with an effective date of January 5, 2023, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss discussed recent issues with the Slagle parking lot. Due to increased snowfall amounts and private individuals utilizing the parking lot, there are a limited number of parking stalls available for county use. Discussion was held about the possibility of a 24-hour parking limit during the

winter months. Burke moved to designate two spots for the Veterans Service Office County vehicles, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bell provided the Board with an update on the Inclement Weather Procedure. The Sheriff's office does not have interest in providing road condition updates to the committee. The Board has asked County Attorney Curtiss to prepare an Inclement Weather Procedure for the following meeting. Burke moved to table the Inclement Weather Procedure to February 21, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. The brush pile has been burned and the crew is still checking for hot spots. Prior to making any decisions about the equipment, the Board would like to see what similar equipment goes for at an ongoing auction. The motor grader ordered last fall has an anticipated build date of May 2023. The Board has asked Keegan to send the Snow Removal Plan and Policies out as a reminder to the individuals who participate. The Road Department anticipates assisting with the 2023 Scrap Tire Amnesty in early April.

Burke moved to open the PARTIAL ROAD VACATION HEARING at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Keegan provided the Board with the findings from her road study of 5300 to 5400 Logan Road. Burke moved to close the PARTIAL ROAD VACATION HEARING at 10:10 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2023-02, the partial road vacation of Logan Road between CR 53 and CR 54, with right-of-way to be returned to adjacent property owners, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to allow signature of letter of support for the City of Alliance City Hall Planning Grant, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Curtiss has acknowledged that CR 79 North of Cass Road should in fact be a county road, but currently is not due to a procedural defect when the roads were dedicated. The Board is waiting for adjacent property owners to sign off on the dedication prior to approval. Burke moved to table the Dedication of CR 79 North of Cass Road to February 21, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to the five new National Opioid Settlements. Initial thoughts were to continue to allocate the funds to Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority pending verification that they have received the previous settlement allocations. Burke moved to table the National Opioid Settlements to February 21, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

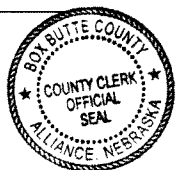
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Chairperson

Attest:

Mr R B

County Clerk 2-21-23



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

Deputy County Attorney Curtiss presented the Board with an updated road dedication that included the adjacent property owner's signatures. Curtiss stated that this is being done to clean up a title issue, as Box Butte County is already maintaining the road. Burke moved to accept the Road Dedication of CR 79 North of Cass Road, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss has been working with the Morrill County Attorney to develop an Interlocal Agreement for Box Butte County to provide Child Support Enforcement Caseworker services for Morrill County. Box Butte County will receive quarterly payments and invoice Morrill County on a monthly basis. Commissioner Burke would like Ms. Curtiss to start tracking staff hours dedicated to both Morrill County and Box Butte County in order to complete a cost analysis to determine if a pricing increase is necessary at renewal time. Burke moved to accept Agreement 2023-03, Interlocal Agreement for Child Support Enforcement Caseworker Services, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

At the request of the Board, County Attorney Curtiss prepared an Inclement Weather Procedure to be reviewed and/or modified on an annual basis. Burke moved to adopt the Inclement Weather Procedure with the committee consisting of County Assessor Michelle Robinson, County Treasurer Val Bell, and Commissioner Ditsch, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. After assessing the condition of the 2000 JD 770CH (2300) and repair costs, Burke moved to declare the 2300 surplus to be sold on Purple Wave, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the total amount of cold mix needed for the year and the best options available to repair Dodge Road East of the 16-mile corner. For the time being, armor coating the road is the most feasible option available. Burke moved to allow Keegan to go out for bid for hauling rock for up to 10 miles of armor coat, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Bids must be received in the Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on March 15th to be awarded during the March 20th meeting. The Nebraska Department of Transportation performed their annual evaluation of Keegan's bridge inspections. Keegan passed both inspections with respective scores of 100% and 98.3%.

Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC, presented a letter of engagement for budget preparations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This agreement is for one-year of service at the flat rate of \$3,700.00. Prior years have included a multiyear option, due to fluctuating costs Johnson has moved to a one-year option. If Johnson is required to be present for a LB644 hearing, his rate will be an additional \$85.00/hour plus mileage. Burke moved to approve Agreement 2023-05 the Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Johnson consulted on the upcoming Highway Bond payment. A timing issue has been identified, as a direct result, the July 1, 2023 payment will need to be made from the 2022-2023 budget. In order to accomplish this, it has been recommended that the payment in the amount of \$267,778.75 be made directly out of the Inheritance Fund. As \$350,000.00 was budgeted to be transferred to the Highway Bond Fund with the intent of not being paid back, the difference of the two will be transferred in the amount of \$82,221.25. This matter will be further discussed June 5, 2023.

Deputy Attorney Curtiss has been in contact with Architect Jerry Berggren about amendments to the proposed elevator agreement. Burke moved to confirm rescinding the contract with KONE and signing the mutual release to refund the down payment, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the proposed agreement with Berggren Architects with the February 21, 2023 amendments to include “All bidders shall perform such testing, inspection and inquiry into building and site conditions as are usual and customary for the scope of work undertaken to ascertain the conditions and requirements of construction. If the successful bidder fails to do so, and the presence of such conditions or defects causes added expense or delays the construction, the bidder shall be liable, therefore. Defects or conditions unknown or undisclosed by Owner not discoverable by such due diligence prior to submission of bids and acceptance by Owner shall not be the responsibility of Bidder” be included in the bid documents. The Owner-Architect Agreement to state that architect is responsible for assuring the new elevator is ADA compliant upon completion, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss has reviewed the UNL Interlocal Agreement noting that is very similar to the previous agreements, it just includes more formal language and does not include any change in rates. Burke moved to approved Agreement 2023-02 the UNL Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Extension Services, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Burke has been notified by Region 1, that they have received the Opioid Settlement funds from the original settlement. Burke moved to approve signing the National Opioid Settlements for Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart with the year one funds to be reallocated to Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The State of Nebraska would like to standardize the equipment and technology utilized throughout the court systems of Nebraska. County Attorney Curtiss noted that by assuming responsibility of the equipment, the County would be responsible for future repairs and replacement of said equipment outside of the five-year warranty. Burke moved to approve Agreement 2023-04 the Memorandum of Understanding Nebraska Courtroom Technology Transfer of Ownership, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

As a part of the technology upgrades, additional wiring work will need to be done prior to the courtroom upgrades. District Court has requested additional ARPA funds to cover these expenses. The Board does not have a problem with the additional expenses, but would like to see the final numbers for the project. The Veteran’s office has reached out to Walter Mischnick Contractors to obtain an estimate for the construction of a wall and implementation of glass at the front counter for security purposes. Commissioner Burke spoke with Jack’s Heating Cooling and has been assured that this project will not cause problems with the airflow of the existing HVAC system. Burke moved to table this matter until the ARPA Committee can review the project and make a recommendation, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Secretary of State office has been advocating for county election offices to implement a free cyber assessment provided by CISA. Several upcoming grants require this assessment to be fully operational in order to qualify for funding. Burke moved to allow the CISA Cyber Hygiene Assessment, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, continued to discuss snow removal issues including the front curb to street area. Commissioner Burke would like White to contact the Commissioners in the future prior to calling in the Road Department to remove snow from the City streets.

Chairman Burke called recess at 11:55 a.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:10 p.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Public Defender, Enet Somers-Dehaney, declined to appear before the Board to discuss the Public Defender’s budget, no action taken.

Chairman Burke called recess at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to open the 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN HEARING at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Those in attendance were Commissioners Ditsch and Burke, County Clerk Burke, and County Attorney Curtiss. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided legal publications for the hearing and a summary of the projects completed in 2022. The Commissioners and Road Superintendent discussed upcoming projects and the associated costs of each proposed project. Doug Hashman, 1553 CR 63, Alliance, NE 69301, requested additional maintenance be done to the rock located at CR 68 and Lincoln Rd and a culvert needs to be installed at CR 68 and Lincoln Rd. Kay Bakkehaug, 1454 Boise Ave, Alliance,

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., March 6, 2023, in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave, Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published February 22, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, March 3, 2023.

Following an opening prayer, Chairman Burke introduced Michael Sautter as the newly appointed Commissioner appointed to complete Mike McGinnis's term, as he resigned January 5, 2023. This appointment was made in accordance with §32-567.

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, Abstain; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2372.36; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 492.02; BANK OF THE WEST 39908.51; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 86252.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 236.07; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 213.44; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 204.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 22724.10; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 5655.01; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 6769.03; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 3.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 1117.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2292.52; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1529.86; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 158845.71

Ditsch moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Sheriff, and Veteran's monthly/quarterly reports, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting the removal of an inactive parcel from the tax roll for Property ID 070180210, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the claim to Robert L. Tschacher in the amount of \$3.81, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept the retirement of Extension Office Manager Carol Kleinsasser effective March 31, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

As the vacant County Commissioner seat has been filled by appointed Commissioner Michael Sautter, discussion was held regarding the reorganization of the County Commissioner Board assignments.

Burke moved to appoint Commissioner Sautter to the **Box Butte General Hospital Board, Public Health Board/Panhandle Partnership, Senior Citizens Board, and Alternate/Northwest Community Action Board**, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint Commissioner Ditsch to the **Box Butte Development Corporation Board (BBDC), Welfare Board Vice-Chairman, Northwest Community Action Board, Region 23 Emergency Management Agency, and Extension Board**, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint Commissioner Burke to the **Region 1 Mental Health Board, Area Agency of Aging Board, Region 1 Office of Human Development Board, E911 Advisory Board, and Welfare Board Chairman**, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. Keegan asked the Commissioners to fill the open seat on the Road Safety Committee, Commissioner Ditsch volunteered. Keegan has a meeting scheduled with Don Dye, MC Schaff, to discuss the transfer cracks that have been observed on West Otoe Rd.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 9:45 a.m., to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, Burke, and Road Superintendent Keegan present. At 9:53 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken in regular session.

Burke moved to allow Keegan to go out for bid for armour coat application due in the Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on March 31, 2023 for action to be taken April 5, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer, Sarah Foland, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed security wall/glass project in the Veteran's office. Foland voiced her opposition, but did mention that the Veteran's office Secretary Amy Jensen was in support of the project. Alternative solutions in the form of a second panic button were proposed. Foland has observed several veterans and members of the public having difficulty walking down the hallway. She would prefer that money be invested in the installation of a handrail. Commissioner Burke asked Foland to obtain a second bid for the proposed handrail project.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided a status update on the Slagle Building Front Steps, noting the rapid deterioration. With the elevator project, White has expressed concerns about potential construction damaging the stained glass. Commissioner Ditsch is going to check with BBDC on the status of a possible grant to preserve the stained glass. Robert Nation Masonry is going to coordinate with Twin City Roofing to complete the chimney work prior to the roof project.

Burke moved to table the Slagle Building Front Step Repair to March 20, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

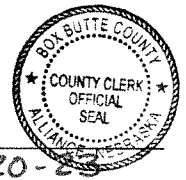
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:16 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


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., March 20, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 8, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, March 17, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Sautter moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve monthly claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No elected official's reports were presented. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on upcoming meetings and those they had recently attended.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign the correction book as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting an erroneously reported leased item already being claimed by the lessee for Property ID 070061254, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Jon Cannon, Executive Director of NACO, appeared before the Board to discuss current legislation that included proposed bills regarding prohibiting the levying of Inheritance Tax and the state from providing unfunded mandates on political subdivisions. Cannon also provided a brief overview of the services NACO provides, as well as upcoming workshops that are being offered for elected officials. No action taken.

Clyde Mantooth, 2151 CR 60, Alliance, NE 69301, discussed the usage of white rock near his residence. Mr. Mantooth voiced concerns about the overall air quality and the condition of his home air filters because of the dust generated by the white rock application. The Board discussed the possibility of a cost share plan with Mr. Mantooth in order to put a different type of rock on the ¼ mile of road adjacent to his property. Mr. Mantooth was agreeable to this proposition, but at the end of the day, he does not care if the road is rock or dirt, as long as the white rock is removed. No action taken.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. Keegan made note that the primary reason for the current road conditions that were previous addressed by Mr. Mantooth are a direct result of water runoff from the owners property onto the road. Keegan sought direction on the plan for the JD Backhoe (#1303) that has been out of commission. After discussion, the Board instructed Keegan to have the transmission cracked open to identify the problem. The Board gave Keegan approval to hire a former employee that wants to volunteer to assist the Road department this summer. The Road department is experiencing availability issues with the current drug testing company and inquired if the Sheriff's office would be willing to start performing these tests. Sheriff Tammy Mowry and County Attorney Curtiss were agreeable to this arrangement, as long as a procedure was in place. The thermal cracks on West Otoe Rd have been confirmed by Don Dye with MC Schaff. Due to the extreme temperature shifts, the asphalt has shrunk. Keegan is waiting for the engineer's recommendation on this matter.

Keegan presented the bidding requirements for the notice of bidders to haul chip stone. The Phillips F & T bid was rejected, as it was submitted after the deadline of March 15, 2023 by 4:00 p.m. and is to be returned to the submitter unopened. The K4 Trucking II, Inc bid was rejected for failure to provide the required insurance document, therefore they did not meet the minimum requirements. Burke moved to accept the bid from MCT Trucking at \$19.50/ton in the amount of \$32,097.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mowry and Deputy Chief JD Sutphen have contacted Gene Steffy Auto Group and they do not have a clear timeline for the completion of the 2023 Dodge 1500 ordered in November of 2022. The Sheriff's department has proposed trading in the current undercover vehicle and the Dodge Charger in order to purchase a new undercover vehicle to be paid for out of the 970 General Fund in lieu of the 2023 Dodge 1500. They would like to use the money collected from vehicle inspections to purchase the 2023 Dodge 1500. The Board would like to hold off on any vehicle purchases until the production timeline of the 2023 Dodge 1500 is clearer. Burke moved to table the Sheriff's office vehicle requests to May 15, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the Board with the sales tax report of property sold at the public tax sale for delinquent taxes on March 6, 2023. No action taken.

Veteran Service Officer Sarah Foland and Building and Ground employee Lori White presented the Board with two sets of bids from Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders and R & J Industries for the front steps and handrail projects. An additional bid was included by Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders for the front awning repair. Sautter moved to accept Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders proposal for the handrail and awning with cement board and to accept R & J Industries proposal for the front step repair, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

White has expressed concerns about construction noise occurring during court. White provided an update on the Assessor and DMV windows that have been damaged. The Assessor’s window was an internal issue and was not caused by flying debris as originally thought. Both windows fall within the covered warranty for replacement. The Wilson Group would like a local company to handle the glass replacement. ACR Glass is willing to complete the work, however, they are having difficulty acquiring the appropriate glass from Manko as they do not have a contract with the supplier. White has been asked to follow-up and provide the Board with a status report at the next meeting. White has been in contact with two companies about the stained-glass project in the courthouse. Architectural Glassarts is familiar with the project and will be available to complete the removal of the stained-glass prior to any elevator construction.

Commissioner Burke has reached out to John Thomas and Carol Kleinsasser about the Extension Office Manager job description and if it needs to be updated, as well as if there is a need for a full-time employee. Mr. Thomas believes a full-time position is necessary to get all of the required tasks done. The Board would like to start advertising as soon as possible in order to fill the vacancy. No action taken.

Susan Unzicker, Executive Director of Alliance Chamber of Commerce, sent an email inquiry about the Courthouse property being utilized for the 2023 Heritage Days Grand Marshal ceremony and the 7th Street Dance Recital. Several concerns were identified including event liability insurance, excess trash, and the overall condition of the property after the event. The Board did not feel as if they were provided with enough information to make a decision at this time and would like to speak directly with Mrs. Unzicker. Burke moved to table the 2023 Heritage Days Grand Marshal ceremony and the 7th Street Dance Recital to April 5, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Nan Gould with Region 23 Emergency Management provided the Board with an emailed copy of the 2022 Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) in accordance with the 5-year revision plan. Several typographical errors were identified within the document. Burke moved to table the 2022 Local Emergency Operations Plan, until such time that the plan has been edited to reflect the identified corrections, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:13 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


4-5-23

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., April 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 22, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, April 4, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the March 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2331.15; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 47732.01; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 89998.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 220.72; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 204.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26059.01; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7061.95; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 7762.99; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 3.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 601.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2558.67; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1822.81; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 179896.97.

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. The Commissioners discussed the City of Alliance's proposed change to the Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction (ETJ) and if an agreement had established the original ETJ boundary. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Susan Unzicker, Alliance Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Cassandra Barth, First National Bank of Omaha Representative, spoke with the Board about the 2023 Heritage Days request for ceremonies to be held on the courthouse property. Burke moved to allow the 2023 Grand Marshal and 7th Street Dance Recital to be held on courthouse property upon approval of a Memorandum of Understanding that includes the following conditions: The ground be restored and the County is named as an additional insured party, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Senior Services, Inc presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the Architectural GlassArts contract for the proposed stained-glass project. GlassArts is willing to remove and store the stained-glass until the elevator project is completed. White is looking into scaffolding options and is to further discuss the project details with GlassArts. Burke moved to table the Architectural GlassArts contract until more information is available, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

White provided updates on the elevator project and roof replacement. Twin City Roofing has completed the roof of the Law Enforcement Center and is ½ done with the Courthouse roof. Chairman Burke asked White to inquire if site cleanup includes leveling the gravel lot. The glass in the East door to the Courthouse was chipped during the chimney removal project. The Board would like White to contact ACR Glass to assess the damage.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, provided a road and equipment report. Keegan presented the bidding requirements for the 2023 Armor Coat Application, both bidders met the requirements. Burke moved to accept Figgins Armor Coat Application Bid at \$.38/sq yd in the amount of \$48,091.28, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Discussion was held about the feasibility of the County doing their own armor coat in the future. The two main problems identified were initial investment costs and staffing problems. Keegan has identified a grant program as a part of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) offered by NDOT that would fund the replacement of stop sign and stop ahead signs. The

Board would like Keegan to move forward with applying for the grant. Chairman Burke asked Keegan to provide the Board with pricing for rock from various pits for the ¼ segment of road adjacent to Clyde Mantooth’s property. The Board would like Keegan to use the Prochazka pit as the price basis. If Mr. Mantooth wants a higher quality product, he will need to pay the cost difference.

The Extension office would like the Board to consider splitting the cost of the repair of the windshield for the Dodge Durango. As other County departments have been paying for similar vehicle expenses out of their budgets, Burke moved to have the windshield repaired with the entirety of the bill to come out of the Extension budget, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke has been in contact with UNL Extension Educator John Thomas regarding the Extension Office Manager vacancy. The Board would like John Thomas and staff to assist with the interview process, along with Commissioner Ditsch, as well as to make a recommendation to the Board for final approval.

Emergency Manager, Nan Gould with Region 23 emailed the Board the revised copy of the 2022 Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) that reflected corrections identified during the previous meeting. Sautter moved to approve Resolution 2023-04 accepting the revised 2022 LEOP, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

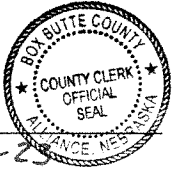
Burke moved to change the meeting start time to 8:00 a.m. for the June through September County Board meetings, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest: Matt R. Bates
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., April 17, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 5, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, April 14, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to approve monthly claims minus the City of Alliance Police Salary Reimbursement for March 2023 for \$12,865.80, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on upcoming meetings and those they had recently attended.

Clyde Mantooth, 2151 CR 60, Alliance, NE 69301, has spoken with Road Superintendent Keegan about the three different types of quarry rocks available. Mr. Mantooth would be interested in the rock from the Becker Pit. Mr. Mantooth expressed concerns about the \$3,394.80 estimate from Superintendent Keegan. Mr. Mantooth would be willing to cover \$1,000.00, but cannot cover the expense in its entirety. The Board will further discuss the road maintenance in this area with Keegan upon her arrival. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the Form 451 for The Doves Program as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, for the tax exemption of a leased copier, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent, Barb Keegan, was asked to come up with some additional figures for the Mantooth road maintenance. This segment of road would need the ditches rolled in, but widening is not necessary.

Chairman Burke recessed at 9:37 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:08 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

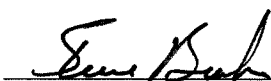
Keegan presented the Board with updated figures for regular maintenance of the Mantooth road with rock from the Prochazka Pit for 3/10^{ths} of a mile. The Board directed Keegan to let Mantooth know this was the direction the County was going, unless Mantooth is able to pay for the cost of the Becker Pit in its entirety. Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has spoken with Don Dye and Bob Rea about the traverse cracking on W Otoe Rd and the recommended solution is crack filling. This will need to be reevaluated in the fall. Keegan was given the go ahead to contact the Weed Superintendent about spraying the broad leaves under the guard rails. Dudley Prochazka has asked Keegan to elevate the road four feet from the highway to the pit. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss advised the Board to meet with Mr. Prochazka to discuss regular maintenance vs improvements.

Deputy Attorney Curtiss spoke with the Board on the history of the Dispatch Agreement between the County and City of Alliance. Deputy Curtiss sent City Attorney, Adam Hoelsing, an email in early March in regards to the County transition to Scottsbluff County for dispatching services and received no response. Until the billing is sorted out for shifts worked and the 60-day notice for termination, it was recommended to table payment. Sautter moved to table the City of Alliance Police Salary Reimbursement for March 2023 for \$12,865.80 until the County is able to negotiate a settlement for final services with the City, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board asked Deputy Attorney Curtiss to reach out to the City to propose a joint meeting for further discussion.

Pipe Works Plumbing, LLC provided the Board with an estimate for sewer lining in the jail holding cells and will be providing a separate estimate for the rec court area. Burke moved to approve the Pipe Works estimate for sewer lining in the jail holding cells in the amount of \$14,500.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

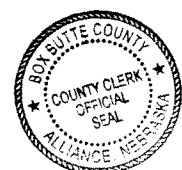


Chairperson

Attest:



County Clerk



5-3-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., May 3, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 19, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, May 2, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the April 17, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Chamber of Commerce for the Grand Marshal Ceremony and 7th Street Dance Recital, Agreement 2023-07 with corrections, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 245 - 246 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting a clerical error on the porch for Property ID 070174180, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign correction book No. 247-252 as presented, accelerating 2023 taxes for scrapped mobile homes and accessory buildings for Property ID's 07172609, 070146837, 070190895, 070175780, 070172161, and 070175918, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the claim to Constance M. Laing in the amount of \$27.84, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign the Form 451 for Panhandle Public Health District as presented for the tax exemption of an office building, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to accept the Form 457 for the Indian Mission Church of God presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:33 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson would like to hire a certified general appraiser as a consultant for franchise properties as she begins the commercial reappraisal process for the City of Alliance. Sautter moved to table the appraisal contract until board signature lines and payment plan expectations have been included, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Department Office Manager, Karna Hansen, provided a road and equipment report. Figgins delivered the cold mix on May 2nd and MCT anticipates chipstone hauling will be complete by the end of the week.

Sheriff Tammy Mowry, Chief Jailer Shane Teichmeier, and Road Department Office Manager Karna Hansen discussed the logistics of the Sheriff's Department performing the quarterly drug/alcohol tests for the Road Department. Burke moved to table the Memorandum of Understanding for the drug/alcohol procedure until Road Superintendent Barb Keegan is able to contact the Department of Transportation to inquire if urine testing for alcohol will meet their requirements, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept the proposal from R & J Industries for the jail inlet replacement up to \$6,466.45, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 42079.68; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 92484.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 255.42; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 224.70; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 204.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 23374.19; SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY 20207.72; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6032.66; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 6679.08; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2044.00; LINCOLN

NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 601.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2301.88; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1499.69; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL: 161004.51**

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, provided the Board with an update on the status of the elevator replacement project. Berggren presented three different proposals for the men’s first floor restroom. The Board suggested an alternative approach that included removing the partition, one stool, urinal and relocating the sink to the south wall west of the door to make the space ADA compliant. During this renovation, the door to the unisex bathroom will also be replaced to bring both bathrooms on the first floor up to ADA standards. Berggren is waiting for the elevator companies to find out if a custom door can be installed on the fourth floor to accommodate the 6’ height limitation created by the support beam or if passenger access will have to be restricted and objects will have to be transported on top of the car to reach the fourth floor. The Board addressed the doghouse structure on the roof and would like the external elevator shaft door to be covered with stucco unless it is necessary for access, the south window replaced with a window that matches the rest of the courthouse windows, the east window filled in, and stairway access door to be replaced with a larger door. The gravel lot on the northeast corner of the block will be the designated staging site for this project. Construction drawings should be at 95% by May 15, 2023 for review by the State Fire Marshall and State Historic Preservation Office. The project will go out to bid May 22, 2023 and the Commissioners will hold a special meeting for the Pre-Bid Conference at 1:00 p.m. on June 14, 2023. Berggren Architects will advertise the notice to bidders and receive the bids.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided the Board with an update on the cause of the April 14th power outage. The Board would like White to contact Triangle Electric to trace the wire attached to the window on the roof and to get a quote to install a light in the staircase to the roof.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


5-15-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., May 15, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 3, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, May 12, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the May 3, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's amended March monthly report and the April monthly report, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Box Butte County Fair representative Alaina Schoeneman presented the Board with figures from the 2022 Box Butte County Fair. The Box Butte County Fair/Ag Society asked the Board to approve a Special Designated Liquor License for the same 150' x 175' area as last year for August 9th – 13th, 2023. Burke moved to approve the Box Butte County Ag Society Special Designated Liquor License, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, presented four Homestead Exemption corrections from the Department of Revenue 2020 audit for Property ID's 070121028, 070016089, 070040346, 070109028. Burke moved to sign correction book Nos. 253 - 256 as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the claim to Constance M. Laing in the amount of \$14.95, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson further discussed the details of the contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. The certified general appraiser would only be utilized for the commercial property assessment year 2024 with the possibility of utilizing their services again in five years. Sautter moved to approve the contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc, Agreement 2023-09 not to exceed 20 hours without authorization from the Board, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan and employee Cole Baumann thanked the Board for the opportunity to go to Iowa for additional training. Keegan provided the Board with a road and equipment report. Keegan also presented the WNCC CDL program and available options for Class A and Class B licenses. Currently, there are only two employees that are not carrying a Class A standard transmission CDL. County Attorney Curtiss had additional questions about the confirmatory testing required with the alcohol testing procedure. A large gap has developed on the North side of the Alliance shop possibly due to water freezing and expansion that is directly affecting the integrity of the shop floor. After discussion was held about the intersection of CR67 and Cherry, Keegan will finish rocking the intersection.

Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Deputy JD Sutphen do not have a timeline on the completion of the build of the 2023 Dodge 1500 ordered in October of 2022. The WING vehicle is the current priority, as several costly repairs have had to be done. Burke moved to allow the Sheriff to purchase a WING vehicle not to exceed \$25,000.00, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The guide wire located near the elevator doghouse that will be in the way of the elevator expansion is a matter to discuss with Action Communications. No action taken. The Sheriff's office presented two quotes for new Motorola radio systems from Action Communications. The radios will eliminate the communication dead zones within Box Butte County. The alternative option is constructing additional towers (\$800,000.00/tower) throughout the county to increase the coverage. Burke moved to table the Motorola radio quotes until a further date, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Honorable Judge Paul Wess and Clerk Magistrate Chelsie Hoagland spoke with the Board about relocating County Court and the offices during the elevator construction. County Court will need enough space for Court and three staff members to conduct day-to-day business, along with any requirements issued by the State of Nebraska. The Board asked the County Court representatives to contact the library, Simmons Olsen, and Creston Myers about office rental prices and availability. No action taken.

Sautter moved to accept the State of Nebraska Crime Commission Grant 24-CB-0501, Agreement 2023-10, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Highway Bond Payment. The Board would like Treasurer Valery Bell’s input prior to making a decision. Burke moved to table the Highway Bond Payment to June 5, 2023, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

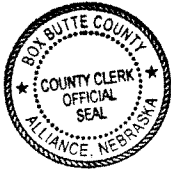
Burke moved to sign the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors ballot in favor of Tyler Rexus, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, is concerned about upcoming power outage and what ramifications it is going to have on the GEO’s. The Board asked White to contact the City to inquire if the City generator will power the courthouse during the outage. Century Link has reviewed the plans to relocate the 911 equipment and would prefer the contractors relocate the equipment with a Century Link employee on-site providing technical assistance.

Discussion was held regarding the County water purchases for each of the offices. After reviewing each offices bottled water or Culligan purchases, the Board is going to send the Public Defender’s office a letter about being more consciousness of any future water purchases, including the possibility of implementing a Culligan system. Burke moved to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:18 p.m.



Ernie Burke
Chairperson

Attest: Mel R Bho
County Clerk 6-5-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., June 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 24, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, June 2, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the May 15, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 46,080.01; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 91,306.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 267.03; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; JOHNSON AUTO PLAZA, INC 19,988.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 221.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25,394.92; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,670.62; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 8,166.18; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 601.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,709.02; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,926.72; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 176581.15

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:33 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Dates were set for the Board to hear property valuation protests. Dates and times will be advertised for hearings set to begin July 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.; July 10, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.; July 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.; July 17, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.; and hearings/decisions to be made July 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 257 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting items previously sold for Property ID 070239355, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve claims to Peggy Dunovsky for \$968.28 and Cecilia Gonzalez for \$106.24, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve changes due to clerical errors on all properties presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Properties included Property ID Nos: 070053294; 070108986; 070208409; 070014345; 070042225; 070007985; 070030731; 070205779; 070045992; 070048681; 070003793; 070040613; 070016615; 070211884; 070019576; 070174075; 070174180; 070003114; 070037477. Sautter moved to accept the Form 457 for Iglesia Bethel submitted by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

USDA Wildlife Specialist Tim Brewer was present to discuss wildlife services provided to the County. Burke moved to sign USDA Wildlife Agreement 2023-13, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson presented an amended contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. at the request of the state property tax administration. Burke moved to approve the amended contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. Agreement 2023-11, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Chairman Burke spoke with Dudley Prochazka regarding the road condition going into the Prochazka pit. Mr. Prochazka was in agreeance with the County building the road up and updating the pit agreement. Commissioner Ditsch has spoken with a neighboring county about cross-training road department members on alternative techniques.

Burke moved to table the Drug/Alcohol procedure between the Road and Sheriff Department, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Mobius Communications General Manager Tonya Mayer and Community Enhancement/Marketing Representative Joni Jespersen provided an update on the overall progress and coverage areas of the Broadband project. Burke moved to approve \$90,000.00 of ARPA Funds for the 2023 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant project, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Tammy Mowry and Deputy JD Sutphen presented the Board with two quotes for new Motorola handheld and vehicle radio systems. Burke made a motion to spend \$64,675.82 from the General Fund and \$84,000.00 from the 911 Emergency Management Fund for the radio purchase with subscription fees to be paid when due with a guaranteed completed shipment of equipment, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the semi-annual HVAC Maintenance agreement until more information has been provided by P1 Service, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board asked Building and Grounds employee Lori White to contact P1 for a maintenance quote.

Burke moved to pay the upcoming Highway Bond payment in its entirety (\$267,978.75) out of the Inheritance Fund, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


The Board reviewed the sponsorship request for the LEAD Ag Adventure Tour. No action taken.

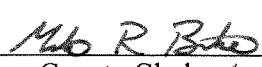
During the 2023-2024 budget discussion, the Board asked each office to try to limit overall budget increases to 2.5% or less for the preliminary budget submissions to Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson.

The Board discussed implementing employee evaluations again for employees under the direct supervision of the Commissioners starting with the June 20, 2023 meeting. At that time job descriptions will also be reviewed and updated.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:39 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk 6-20-23



Chairman Burke called the special meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 1:00 p.m., June 14, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was scheduled to be published May 31, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Due to a publishing omission, the notice of meeting was posted on June 9, 2023 at the Alliance US Post Office, Hemingford US Post Office, and Box Butte County Courthouse. Agenda was emailed on June 13, 2023 and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, June 12, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Berggren Architects, Principal Architect, Jerry Berggren initiated the pre-bid conference with an overview of the elevator project followed by a tour of the project site. No action taken.

No public comment on the agenda items.

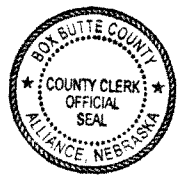
With all agenda items addressed, Mike Sautter adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Martie Burke

County Clerk 6-20-23



Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., June 20, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 7, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, June 16, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the June 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the June 14, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve Resolution 2023-05 transferring \$3,289.80 to the Veteran's Aid Fund (1900). This transfer is for 21,932 miles @ \$.15 per mile driven June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to deny the City of Alliance Invoice 14374 for dispatch services in the amount of \$12,865.80 as the County and City of Alliance have agreed upon a prorated amount, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:20 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 258 as presented by Deputy County Assessor, Tiffany Elkins, to accelerate the 2023 taxes on the 2022 rate for Property ID 070173524, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve changes due to clerical errors on all properties presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, no; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Properties included Property ID Nos: 070143315; 070143404; 070169586; 070157073. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:34 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's monthly report acknowledging the title inspections fees were \$1,070.00, but only \$1,060.00 was collected, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

John Thomas, Extension Educator, has conducted interviews for the Extension Office Manager position and has recommended Katie Carter. Burke moved to offer Katie Carter the position at \$16.50/hr with a 90-day introductory period, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Discussion was held about how road complaints should be handled and a demonstration was given on the JD Link tracking software. The Board requested that \$100,000.00 of the money available to be transferred from the road fund to the road sinking fund be applied towards the inheritance fund repayment for the John Deere Motor Grader. Stetson Shreve has expressed concerns to the Commissioners prior to the meeting about an upcoming road project extending the ditches to build up the road. The majority of the property owners along this stretch of road are in favor of this technique being utilized in order to get the road built back up.

Sautter moved to approve Agreement 2023-12 the Mutual Release of Contract Claims – Dispatch Services with the City of Alliance, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims minus the Enet Somers-Dehaney mileage allowance and Trish Hartshorn cleaning invoice, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to create an advisory board for the coordinated program management of black-tailed prairie dogs consisting of a five (5) member board and one additional non-voting Commissioner, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Letters of interest for board seats will be accepted until August 16, 2023.

Discussion was held regarding the County employee eye care plans and enrollment numbers. Sautter made a motion to discontinue Vision Care Direct and start offering VSP NACO Block, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Nebraska Choice Gas Program Constellation selection resulted in the County receiving two \$25.00 Amazon gift cards. Burke moved to have one office raffle for the two gift cards to be used for the purchase of office supplies, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The P1 Service and Rasmussen maintenance proposals were reviewed. Building and Grounds employee Lori White had expressed concerns prior to the meeting about the exterior chiller needing to be pressure washed annually. Burke moved to table the semi-annual HVAC Maintenance agreement until more information is available, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

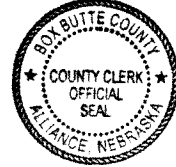
Steve Bunker
Chairperson

Chairperson

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County Clerk 7-5-23



Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., July 5, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 21, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 3, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, absent; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Burke moved to excuse Commissioner Mike Sautter, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were 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 Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Burke. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court monthly reports, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 500.14; BANK OF THE WEST 45,619.96; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 91,202.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 218.10; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 24,619.44; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,636.46; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 11.88; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 126.18; BANK OF THE WEST 6,915.27; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,360.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,364.43; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,594.16; INDEPENDENT EYE CARE PROFESSIONALS 24.06; **NET PAYROLL:** 170,582.35

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Architect Jerry Berggren requested to have the elevator bid date moved from June 27th, 2023 to July 25th, 2023 to give the elevator companies additional time to put together a bid proposal. Burke moved to ratify the elevator project bid due date to July 25, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to designate the Nebraska State Print Shop for the LB644 postcard printing if needed, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the NIRMA settlement for the July 9, 2021 claim, Agreement 2023-14, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding reminding each department about large expenditures being made prior to the adoption of the FY 23-24 budget.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Form 451 for the Church of the Holy Rosary as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to sign correction book No. 259 as presented, accelerating the 2023 taxes at the 2022 tax rate for Property ID 070196575, seconded by Burke. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 8:20 a.m., to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke and Ditsch were present. At 8:48 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the Board with the ARPA committee recommendations for the upcoming year to include a commercial washer and dryer for the jail, the tree removal on the south side of the courthouse block, the courthouse sidewalks, and cement work at the Alliance Road Department shop. Burke moved to table the ARPA committee recommendations until July 17, 2023, seconded by Ditsch.

Sautter, absent; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. During the June 22, 2023 ARPA committee meeting, Deputy JD Sutphen picked the County Treasurer out of a bucket to be the winner of two \$25.00 Amazon gift cards from Constellation rewarded during the Choice Gas Selection period. Treasurer Bell has provided the Clerk’s office with the Amazon receipt.

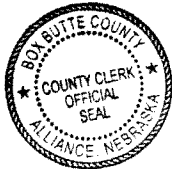
Stetson Shreve, 1781 CR 74, Hemingford, NE 69348, discussed the overall conditions of the roads, expressing safety concerns and grading frequency. Mr. Shreve also inquired about the possibility of individual land owners grading roads. Deputy County Attorney Curtiss explained that the roads are owned by the County and the Commissioners have placed Highway Superintendent Barb Keegan in charge of day-to-day operations. Private road maintenance is not a feasible approach after all the factors are taken into consideration. Brian Jelinek, 7006 Madison Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, would like to see reported bad spots in the roads repaired quicker and the road graders monitored closer.


Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. William Figgins with Figgins Construction was present to discuss repairing the cracks on West Otoe Road. The Board would prefer the MC3000 over the MC800. The Board would like Keegan to go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the area trucking providers for the hauling of chipstone to repair West Otoe Road to be opened in the Clerk’s office on July 13, 2023 at 3:55 p.m. with a decision to be made on July 17, 2023. The Board also requested Keegan put out an RFP for fuel bids due in the Clerk’s office by July 17, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. with a decision to be made during the July 17, 2023 meeting.


Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed removing the dying bush located in front of the Slagle building sign on the corner. The Board would like to see this project combined with the courthouse tree removal project.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:20 a.m.




Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk

7-17-23

The Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 8:00 a.m., July 7, 2023, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, 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 Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published June 28, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 6, 2023.

Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, and Burke, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read by Chairman Burke and evidence was heard from: Tim Wacker in the lobby on the 1st floor at 8:02 a.m. due to 2nd floor accessibility restrictions created by an inoperable elevator, the Board returned to the Commissioner Board Room at 8:08 a.m., Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: not present - Tom Broeder; Richard Otto; not present - Estate of Mark Monroe by Jonathon Baker; John Fletcher; Roger Kotschwar; not present - Sally Nollette; Terry Girard; Ben Reynolds & Jay Dubs; not present - Timothy Gearhart; Elaine Tyree; Raymond Hielscher.

Chairman Burke recessed at 9:45 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 9:49 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Steve Bishop; Kenneth Hawley; not present - Paul & Ronda Tyre; not present - Roy & Elaine Leibbrandt; Terry & June Preiss in the lobby at 10:39 a.m. due to aforementioned reason, the Board returned to the Commissioner Board Room at 10:55 a.m., Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Donald Sheldon; Connie Engelhaupt; Roger Bauer; not present - Garry Carpenter; Patrick Lewis; not present - John Hoffmann; not present - Bradley Brew.

Chairman Burke recessed at 12:02 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:15 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Jay Greve; not present - Aaron Garza; Rodney L. Sanchez; not present - Sheila A. Wilson; Karena & Mark Soriano; Doug & Tiffany Hickox; not present - Jason Leisy; Tod Heldenbrand; not present - Kevin D. O'Connor; not present - Rick Krohe; not present, called no answer - Mary Crum; Michael Johnson; Brian Kimmel; Debra Schroth.

Chairman Burke recessed at 3:41 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 3:46 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Not present - Terri Collins; Terry & Pamela Eck; Richard Schommer; Scott Moller; Lauren Moller By Scott Moller; Christopher Seebom By Scott Moller; Kirby Bridge; not present - Dilyn Stuck; Box Butte County Public Employees FCU By Susan Lore in the lobby at 5:26 p.m. due to aforementioned reason, the Board returned to the Commissioner Board Room at 5:44 p.m., Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Sandra Snow & David Schommer; Patrick Kusek.

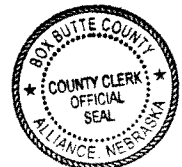
Chairman Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 6:14 p.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Mike R. Baker

County Clerk 7-17-23



The Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 8:00 a.m., July 10, 2023, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, 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 Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published June 28, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 7, 2023.

Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, and Burke, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read by Chairman Burke and evidence was heard from: Daniel & Mary Bourquin in the lobby on the 1st floor at 8:02 a.m. due to 2nd floor accessibility restrictions created by an inoperable elevator, the Board returned to the Commissioner Board Room at 8:16 a.m., Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Diana Perrin; Barbara Hood; not present - Witt Clark; Brett Sorensen; not present - Dennis & Luz Marina Girard; Rita Campos by Dennis Behm; MFE Enterprises by Mike Essay; William Hemmer; Jeane Warfield; not present - Misael Lopez; Laura Nussbaum; Steven Redecker in the lobby at 9:57 a.m. due to aforementioned reason, the Board returned to the Commissioner Board Room at 10:07 a.m.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:07 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:12 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Not present – called Laura Kosmicki-Furrow; Tom Cummings; not present – called Tom Ryan; Larry Snyder; Tom Sherlock; not present – called Betty Irish; Roger & Suzanne Walker; Mark Nelson.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:19 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:58 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, absent; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Jeff & Kelly Erickson; Andrew Shiers; Steve Guy; Billie Taylor; Tyler Brown; not present - Cheema Investments LLC; Dyna Kozal; not present - Kohl Johnson; not present – called Daryl Colwell; Judy Sample; Roseanne April.

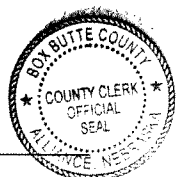
Chairman Burke recessed at 2:00 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 2:10 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, absent; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Not present – called Alysha Schneider; Laurie Hickox; not present - Dan Knosp; Vern Burton; Karl & Elizabeth Zerck; not present - John Rebillet Jr.; Lawrence Holub by Judy Sample; Amanda Leider; Leo & Betty Bush.

Chairman Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 4:01 p.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest: Michele R. Beto
County Clerk 7-17-23



Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., July 17, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published July 5, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 14, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were 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 Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to approve the July 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Burke. Sautter, abstain; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the July 7, 2023, July 10, 2023, and July 14, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the request for an extension to the Homestead Exemption deadline for Michael Dunn & Norm Blumenthal, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:22 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims with corrections to the function codes for the Public Defender office rent and District Court appointed counsel, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Samantha Stoltenberg, Steve Jobman, Brian Hillier, and Mark Hillier were present to discuss health plan renewal options. Burke moved to renew the health plan with carrier IOA RE selecting the revised renewal, to renew Organ & Tissue Transplant with HCC Life Insurance Company, and to continue with the Regional Care Inc. (RCI) health plan utilizing the Cigna network, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Employee costs will not be increased for this renewal with RCI.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board would like Keegan to reach out to Scott Wilkins to get an accurate measurement of available screened rock prior to committing to a purchase.

Burke moved to accept the fuel bid proposal submitted by Panhandle Coop for 15,000 gallons at \$2.995/gal in the amount of \$44,925.00 (Option – B), seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept the chipstone hauling bid proposal submitted by Berg Trucking LLC at \$22.40/ton in the amount of \$41,342.56, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Valery Bell submitted the Semi-Annual Report for approval and was available by telephone for questions. Burke moved to accept the Box Butte County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

ARPA committee recommendations for the 2023/2024 fiscal year were reviewed by the Board. This included a commercial washer and dryer for the jail, tree and bush removal, sidewalk replacement, and snow removal/mowing equipment. Burke moved to go out for bid for the removal of the two trees on the South side of the Courthouse and the bush in front of the Slagle building sign with bids to be submitted by August 17, 2023 and accepted/rejected at the August 21, 2023 meeting, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, expressed concerns about the number of error codes being generated by the GEO's. White is working with Faris Plumbing on a solution for the exterior stairwell drain that continues to backup.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:10 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:16 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:17 a.m., for a performance evaluation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, Burke, and Lori White present. At 11:55 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session for a performance evaluation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken in regular session.

No public comment on the agenda items.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:56 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:30 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, absent; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 12:30 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Sautter and Burke, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read by Chairman Burke and evidence was heard from: Rick Guernsey; Frank Caroselli; Bryant & Jamie Quick; Dee Middleton; K & M Enterprises by Scott Moller and Rick Ridenour; Karen Brown; Linda Leisy and Jamie Quick; Atabrit by Mark Placek; Mary Miles; Kevin & Julie Bergfield; Rita Bergfield Life Estate by Kevin & Julie Bergfield; not present - Otto Smith; Don & Cindy Zurn; John Dahlberg; Gerald Bauer; Janelle Rolls; Derrick Warfield; Benjamin Crowe.

Chairman Burke recessed at 3:01 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 3:08 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, absent; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Kenneth Smith; Marshall & Starla Endsley; Bruce Trussell; Josh Trussell; Joanne Jones; Bradley Green in the lobby on the 1st floor at 4:06 p.m. due to 2nd floor accessibility restrictions created by an inoperable elevator, the Board returned to the Commissioner Board Room at 4:28 p.m.

Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 4:30 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


8-2-23

The Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 8:00 a.m., July 21, 2023, in the Commissioner Board Room, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, 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 amended, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published June 28, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. An additional notice was posted at the Box Butte County Courthouse on July 10, 2023 stating in the event that there is not ample time to complete all of the decisions on July 21, 2023, the Box Butte County Board of Commissioners will recess at 6:00 p.m. and reconvene on July 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 20, 2023.

Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, and Burke, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read by Chairman Burke and evidence was heard from: Brad & Vicki Weingart; not present - Clayton Kolling; not present - Ethan Korth; Kathryn Worley; Amanda Smith; not present - Norman Blumanthal; Donald Blasi; Zachary Burns; not present - Jonnie Kusek; Mike McGinnis; not present - Shane Teichmeier; Mark & Candace Ribble.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:07 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:14 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Not present - James & Sarah Dunn; Jacob Hernandez; not present - called Nathan Payne; not present - Ryan Reynolds; not present - called Travis Shoemaker; Robin Rust; Justin Engelhaupt; not present - called Marlys Mercer; Jon Stanley; not present - James Wacker; not present - Georges Creve-Coeur.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:45 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:47 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

1. Tim Wacker (070002800) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 76,145; Total: 81,395.
2. Tom Broeder (070127417) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 28,000; Buildings: 48,055; Total: 76,055.
3. Richard Otto (070008027) - Burke moved to after testimony and evidence presented of a recent appraisal or sale, lower the valuation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, no; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 14,420; Buildings: 316,180; Total: 330,600.
4. Jonathon Baker (070043825) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 42,000; Buildings: 7,310; Total: 49,310.
5. John & Nancy Fletcher (070012016) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,560; Buildings: 59,655; Total: 67,215.
6. John & Nancy Fletcher (070080372) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 25,000; Buildings: 171,720; Total: 196,720.
7. Roger Kotschwar (070036896) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,964; Buildings: 164,925; Total: 173,889.
8. Sally Nollette (070090661) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 23,030; Buildings: 238,445; Total: 261,475.

9. Terry Girard (070024529) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, no. Motion Carried. Land: 6,985; Buildings: 162,990; Total: 169,975.
10. Ben Reynolds (070008698) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 20,390; Total: 26,690.
11. Timothy Gearhart (070042594) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 45,920; Total: 52,220.
12. Elaine Tyree (070005265) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,050; Buildings: 60,810; Total: 64,860.
13. Raymond & Kimberly Hielscher (070020841) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,018; Buildings: 324,450; Total: 337,468.
14. Steven Bishop (070014787) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 181,575; Total: 188,575.
15. Kenneth Hawley (070103267) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 109,060; Total: 115,360.
16. Paul & Ronda Tyre (070016534) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,100; Buildings: 131,660; Total: 140,760.
17. Roy & Elaine Leibbrandt (070023069) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, no. Motion Carried. Land: 11,200; Buildings: 174,230; Total: 185,430.
18. Terry Preiss (070103798) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,275; Buildings: 44,680; Total: 48,955.
19. Terry Preiss (070040524) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,200; Buildings: 920; Total: 5,120.
20. Terry Preiss (070103720) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 3,218; Buildings: 1,310; Total: 4,528.
21. Terry Preiss (070041385) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,388; Buildings: 0; Total: 4,388.
22. Donald Sheldon (070084513) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 23,410; Buildings: 122,785; Total: 146,195.
23. James & Connie Engelhaupt (070016178) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,932; Buildings: 127,385; Total: 138,317.

24. Roger Bauer (070034850) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, no; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,316; Buildings: 158,550; Total: 165,866.
25. Garry Carpenter (070030146) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 74,920; Total: 81,920.
26. Patrick Lewis (070023204) - Burke moved to after testimony and evidence presented of a recent appraisal or sale, lower the valuation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,600; Buildings: 190,400; Total: 200,000.
27. John Hoffmann (070036764) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 106,745; Total: 113,045.
28. Bradley Brew (070015015) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,048; Buildings: 130,530; Total: 136,578.
29. Jay Greve (070127166) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 14,800; Buildings: 139,325; Total: 154,125.
30. Aaron Garza (070019746) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,938; Buildings: 143,875; Total: 151,813.
31. Rodney Sanchez (070043345) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 17,050; Total: 22,300.
32. Rodney Sanchez (070026696) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 32,490; Total: 37,740.
33. Sheila Wilson (070008078) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 23,380; Buildings: 288,090; Total: 311,470.
34. Karena Soriano (070036233) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 99,970; Total: 106,270.
35. Doug & Tiffany Hickox (070010536) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,915; Buildings: 173,070; Total: 186,985.
36. Jason Leisy (070010447) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,232; Buildings: 139,520; Total: 151,752.
37. Tod Heldenbrand (070000719) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 198,320; Total: 204,620.
38. Kevin O'Connor (070011125) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,000; Buildings: 129,375; Total: 137,375.

39. Rick Krohe (070035075) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,400; Buildings: 84,295; Total: 89,695.
 40. Rick Krohe (070019274) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 14,520; Buildings: 55,225; Total: 69,745.
 41. Mary Crum (070010838) - Sautter moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,305; Buildings: 185,250; Total: 194,555.
 42. Michael Johnson (070000638) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 57,180; Total: 63,480.
 43. Brian Kimmel (070072698) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 20,575; Buildings: 177,265; Total: 197,840.
 44. Debra Schroth (070013446) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,500; Buildings: 199,520; Total: 208,020.
 45. Terri Collins (070019347) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,260; Buildings: 74,065; Total: 81,325.
 46. Terry & Pamela Eck (070174431) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,000; Buildings: 252,900; Total: 261,900.
 47. Terry & Pamela Eck (070174350) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,000; Buildings: 0; Total: 9,000.
 48. Terry & Pamela Eck (070023867) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,050; Buildings: 97,980; Total: 102,030.
- Chairman Burke recessed at 3:38 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 3:46 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.
49. Richard Schommer (070040613) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 11,620; Buildings: 47,300; Total: 58,920.
 50. Scott & Tinka Moller (070045119) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,148; Buildings: 262,505; Total: 274,653.
 51. Lauren Moller (070037574) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,280; Buildings: 85,200; Total: 92,480.
 52. Christopher & Heather Seebom (070025428) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 3,600; Buildings: 131,130; Total: 134,730.
 53. Kirby Bridge (070200092) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,900; Buildings: 198,760; Total: 208,660.

54. Dyllyn Stuck (070036020) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,876; Buildings: 165,620; Total: 174,496.
55. Box Butte County Public Employees FCU (070103860) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 28,000; Buildings: 147,500; Total: 175,500.
56. Sandra Snow (070026610) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,206; Buildings: 169,510; Total: 179,716.
57. Patrick Kusek (070010943) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,330; Buildings: 162,660; Total: 174,990.
58. Daniel & Mary Bourquin (070013993) - Burke moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,174; Buildings: 81,435; Total: 87,609.
59. Diana Perrin (070081379) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 31,535; Buildings: 102,475; Total: 134,010.
60. Diana Perrin (070038171) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,900; Buildings: 163,635; Total: 173,535.
61. Barbara Hood (070050082) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 22,750; Buildings: 97,820; Total: 120,570.
62. Witt Clark (070024057) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 75,795; Total: 82,095.
63. Brett & Erin Sorensen (070244901) - Burke moved to testimony and evidence presented during the hearing indicates a clerical error, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 23,630; Buildings: 431,920; Total: 455,550.
64. Dennis & Luz Marina Girard (070080070) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 16,825; Buildings: 176,575; Total: 193,400.
65. Rita Campos (070023816) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 65,100; Total: 71,400.
66. MFE Enterprises (070029962) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 99,870; Total: 106,870.
67. William Hemmer (070039461) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,400; Buildings: 121,210; Total: 131,610.
68. Jeane Warfield (070043086) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 45,355; Total: 50,605.

69. Misael Lopez (070012008) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,560; Buildings: 128,160; Total: 135,720.
 70. Loren & Laura Nussbaum (070023476) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,400; Buildings: 155,890; Total: 164,290.
 71. Laura Kosmicki-Furrow (070010900) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,543; Buildings: 178,575; Total: 191,118.
 72. Thomas Cummings (070018839) – Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, motion died for a lack of a second. Sautter moved to after testimony and evidence presented of a recent appraisal or sale, lower the valuation, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,190; Buildings: 88,015; Total: 96,205.
 73. Thomas Ryan (070008175) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 59,470; Total: 66,470.
 74. Larry & Marlene Snyder (070037124) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,960; Buildings: 199,465; Total: 208,425.
 75. Thomas Sherlock (070015813) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 48,830; Total: 55,130.
 76. Betty Irish (070043078) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 31,730; Total: 36,980.
 77. Roger & Suzanne Walker (070157189) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 25,580; Buildings: 107,790; Total: 133,370.
 78. Mark Nelson (070040796) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 57,123; Buildings: 203,580; Total: 260,703.
- Chairman Burke recessed at 6:00 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting on July 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.
79. Jeff & Kelly Erickson (070011141) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,200; Buildings: 170,495; Total: 179,695.
 80. Andrew Shiers (070032610) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,570; Buildings: 146,265; Total: 159,835.
 81. Stephen & Mary Beth Guy (070044562) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 18,700; Buildings: 164,625; Total: 183,325.
 82. Billie Taylor (070033897) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 17,837; Buildings: 97,220; Total: 115,057.

83. Tyler Brown (070020612) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,198; Buildings: 136,215; Total: 145,413.
84. Cheema Investments LLC (070033625) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,289; Buildings: 60,841; Total: 74,130.
85. Cheema Investments LLC (070033633) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 17,419; Buildings: 56,711; Total: 74,130.
86. Cheema Investments LLC (070033722) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,937; Buildings: 64,193; Total: 74,130.
87. Cheema Investments LLC (070033730) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,600; Buildings: 64,530; Total: 74,130.
88. Cheema Investments LLC (070033668) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,939; Buildings: 141,431; Total: 155,370.
89. Cheema Investments LLC (070033676) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,759; Buildings: 68,301; Total: 81,060.
90. Cheema Investments LLC (070033684) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,392; Buildings: 67,668; Total: 81,060.
91. Cheema Investments LLC (070033641) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,194; Buildings: 60,936; Total: 74,130.
92. Cheema Investments LLC (070033714) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 11,249; Buildings: 62,881; Total: 74,130.
93. Cheema Investments LLC (070029976) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 68,300; Total: 75,300.
94. Cheema Investments LLC (070035032) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,400; Buildings: 74,820; Total: 80,220.
95. Dyna Kozal (070010552) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,619; Buildings: 81,140; Total: 91,759.
96. Kohl Johnson (070189625) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 21,150; Buildings: 248,510; Total: 269,660.
97. Daryl Colwell (070012539) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,720; Buildings: 201,340; Total: 211,060.

98. Judy Sample (070029601) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,500; Buildings: 187,515; Total: 198,015.
99. Roseanne & Dean April (070042810) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 237,325; Total: 243,625.
100. Jory Schneider (070020345) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,395; Buildings: 157,075; Total: 167,470.
101. Ken & Laurie Hickox (070015198) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,232; Buildings: 97,650; Total: 107,882.
102. Dan Knosp (070027536) - Sautter moved to after review and information received during hearings, no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,833; Buildings: 16,630; Total: 22,463.
103. Vern Burton (070020035) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,930; Buildings: 51,625; Total: 58,555.
104. Karl & Elizabeth Zerck (070000042) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 34,405; Total: 40,705.
105. Steven Redecker (070090742) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 22,500; Buildings: 103,035; Total: 125,535.
106. John Rebillet Jr. (070009031) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 55,760; Total: 62,060.
107. John Rebillet Jr. (070104603) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 179,685; Buildings: 80,095; Total: 259,780.
108. John Rebillet Jr. (070004684) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,450; Buildings: 107,335; Total: 116,785.
109. John Rebillet Jr. (070008418) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,500; Buildings: 102,935; Total: 107,435.
110. Judy Sample (070029628) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 97,830; Total: 104,830.
111. Andrew & Amanda Leider (070080151) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 16,150; Buildings: 354,405; Total: 370,555.
112. Leo & Betty Bush (070020175) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,190; Buildings: 146,740; Total: 154,930.

113. Craig Bishop (070005249) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 84,505; Total: 90,805.
 114. Don Tschacher (070008000) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,512; Buildings: 196,670; Total: 206,182.
 115. Deborah Reeh (070020167) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 146,450; Total: 152,750.
 116. Stacy Dominguez (070026637) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,954; Buildings: 176,335; Total: 185,289.
 117. Roger Lauder (070024103) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 84,610; Total: 90,910.
 118. Joshua Carr (070031797) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,088; Buildings: 134,995; Total: 148,083.
 119. Joshua Carr (070031800) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 28,009; Buildings: 202,165; Total: 230,174.
 120. Wendy Wilson (070008248) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 132,565; Total: 139,565.
 121. Tom & Gail Burke (070019304) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,260; Buildings: 135,010; Total: 142,270.
- Chairman Burke recessed at 12:35 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:10 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.
122. Tomilayne McAndrew (070008221) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 14,000; Buildings: 211,185; Total: 225,185.
 123. Evelynne Kesterson (070024650) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,478; Buildings: 160,800; Total: 171,278.
 124. David Schommer (070024642) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,478; Buildings: 161,635; Total: 172,113.
 125. Brian Chase (070000816) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,450; Buildings: 125,720; Total: 135,170.
 126. Richard Sturdivant (070042489) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 105,385; Total: 111,685.
 127. Christopher & Kari Farritor (070005370) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,600; Buildings: 153,675; Total: 161,275.

128. Jeff Girard (070142041) - Ditsch moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 29,305; Buildings: 0; Total: 29,305.
129. Jeff Girard (070079919) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 17,500; Buildings: 109,500; Total: 127,000.
130. Jeff Girard (070005281) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 62,620; Total: 68,920.
131. Jeff Girard (070005214) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 96,325; Total: 102,625.
132. Bart Dye (070047847) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 291,399; Buildings: 76,635; Total: 368,034.
133. Bart Dye (070047863) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 304,923; Buildings: 165,605; Total: 470,528.
134. Gary & Anna Sutton (070023115) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 16,200; Buildings: 298,100; Total: 314,300.
135. Jennifer Johnson (070045402) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,250; Buildings: 258,300; Total: 266,550.
136. Pamela Coffee (070023581) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, no; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,873; Buildings: 111,605; Total: 121,478.
137. Clay Messersmith (070012997) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,645; Buildings: 120,565; Total: 129,210.
138. Robert & Laura Swedeen (070024979) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,450; Buildings: 157,110; Total: 165,560.
139. Daniel Hankins (070000794) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 143,650; Total: 149,950.
140. Leah King (070025479) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,200; Buildings: 158,545; Total: 165,745.
141. James Conyers (070039534) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,400; Buildings: 182,055; Total: 192,455.
142. Rick Guernsey (070013187) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,000; Buildings: 145,775; Total: 152,775.

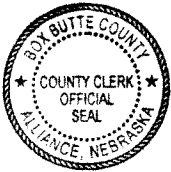
143. Frank Caroselli (070008566) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,796; Buildings: 161,730; Total: 167,526.
144. Bryant & Jamie Quick (070024812) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,500; Buildings: 168,270; Total: 178,770.
145. Denise Middleton (070175772) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 66,830; Total: 73,130.
146. K & M Enterprises (070015821) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 70,220; Total: 76,520.
147. Karen Brown (070020523) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,000; Buildings: 201,500; Total: 213,500.
148. Linda Leisy (070103275) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 97,895; Total: 104,195.
149. Atabrit (070039356) - Burke moved to lower the valuation after receiving information obtained at the protest hearing, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 2,046; Buildings: 217; Total: 2,263.
150. Mary Miles (070044759) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,063; Buildings: 81,540; Total: 86,603.
151. Kevin & Julie Bergfield (070249555) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 0; Buildings: 66,910; Total: 66,910.
152. Kevin Bergfield (070101418) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 147,510; Buildings: 115,635; Total: 263,145.
153. Otto Smith C/O Sherry Gordon (070004250) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 7,970; Total: 13,220.
154. Don & Cindy Zurn (070023409) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 13,860; Buildings: 148,740; Total: 162,600.
155. John & Brandy Dahlberg (070006512) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 4,464; Buildings: 138,685; Total: 143,149.
156. John & Brandy Dahlberg (070020582) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,928; Buildings: 1,615; Total: 10,543.
157. Gerald Bauer (070037345) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,680; Buildings: 164,090; Total: 173,770.

158. Janelle Rolls (070038961) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 34,236; Buildings: 360,764; Total: 395,000.
 159. Derrick Warfield (070005885) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,625; Buildings: 70,680; Total: 76,305.
 160. Benjamin Crowe (070012512) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,560; Buildings: 159,440; Total: 167,000.
 161. Kenneth Smith (070036985) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 114,530; Total: 120,830.
 162. Marshall & Starla Endsley (070008094) - Burke moved to after review of the property, lower the value to equalize it with other like property, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 18,488; Buildings: 302,450; Total: 320,938.
 163. Bruce Trussell (070032718) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,600; Buildings: 111,480; Total: 118,080.
 164. Joshua Trussell (070012830) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,480; Buildings: 90,020; Total: 96,500.
 165. Donald & Joanne Jones (070026246) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,365; Buildings: 221,085; Total: 228,450.
 166. Bradley Green (070079692) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, abstain; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 32,931; Buildings: 169,385; Total: 202,316.
- Chairman Burke recessed at 3:52 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 4:00 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.
167. Brad & Vicki Weingart (070038724) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 22,500; Buildings: 311,655; Total: 334,155.
 168. Clayton Kolling (070035563) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,823; Buildings: 179,180; Total: 187,003.
 169. Ethan Korth (070019878) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,260; Buildings: 87,850; Total: 95,110.
 170. Kathryn Worley (070024227) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 81,595; Total: 87,895.
 171. Amanda Smith (070037590) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,878; Buildings: 88,225; Total: 96,103.
 172. Norman Blumanthal (070035288) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,100; Buildings: 65,030; Total: 73,130.

173. Zachary Burns (070000646) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 85,785; Total: 92,085.
174. Donald & Christiane Blasi (070039747) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,760; Buildings: 150,465; Total: 161,225.
175. Jonnie Kusek (070019029) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,250; Buildings: 95,650; Total: 100,900.
176. Michael McGinnis (070000735) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,232; Buildings: 65,620; Total: 75,852.
177. Shane Teichmeier (070032165) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 12,320; Buildings: 88,075; Total: 100,395.
178. Candace Ribble (070085021) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 27,720; Buildings: 204,150; Total: 231,870.
179. James & Sarah Dunn (070031444) - Sautter moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 20,367; Buildings: 241,695; Total: 262,062.
180. Jacob Hernandez (070023328) - Ditsch moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,930; Buildings: 90,645; Total: 97,575.
181. Tammy & Nathan Payne (070009716) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 5,625; Buildings: 46,890; Total: 52,515.
182. Ryan Reynolds (070020086) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,820; Buildings: 149,290; Total: 158,110.
183. Travis & Kristy Shoemaker (070013497) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 10,477; Buildings: 146,915; Total: 157,392.
184. Robin & Mary Rust (070024790) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 9,100; Buildings: 257,770; Total: 266,870.
185. Justin Engelhaupt (070016151) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 11,240; Buildings: 141,170; Total: 152,410.
186. Jonathan Stanley (070023727) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 7,700; Buildings: 83,020; Total: 90,720.
187. James Wacker (070036837) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 8,964; Buildings: 196,430; Total: 205,394.

188. Georges Creve-Coeur (070009384) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 51,070; Total: 57,370.
189. Marlys Mercer (070003386) - Sautter moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 6,300; Buildings: 75,575; Total: 81,875.

Chairman Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 5:15 p.m.



Eric Burke Attest: Mike R. Biko
Chairperson County Clerk 8-2-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., August 2, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published July 19, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, August 1, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as printed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the July 21, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, spoke with the board about her FY2023-2024 proposed budget. Budget Consultant, Caleb Johnson, was available by phone for the discussion. The Board discussed which function code was the appropriate classification for uniforms depending on if it is a fringe benefit, as well as the continuing education requirements.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 260 as presented by Assessor Robinson, accelerating the 2023 taxes at the 2022 tax rate for Property ID 070222754, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:32 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to purchase 8,226.81 ton of screened rock from the Wilkins pit at \$9.00/ton in the amount of \$74,041.29, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Resolution 2023-06, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 312.10; BANK OF THE WEST 44543.76; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90024.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 236.07; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 210.82; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 258.56; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 24388.68; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6519.73; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BANK OF THE WEST 6194.47; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2230.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 105.39; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2149.10; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1404.65; **NET PAYROLL:** 165,833.37

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

Burke moved to accept and sign the Clerk of District Court and the County Clerk/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. No action was taken on the annual membership to Panhandle Area Development District.

Will Arthur, Nestled Insurance Agency, provided the Board with a presentation on Attentive, a preventative care management company. This program provides employees with additional health benefits at no cost to the employee or the employer. The Board asked that Mr. Arthur coordinate with the Clerk's office to provide a proposal specific to Box Butte County employees for further evaluation of the program.

Ryan Poots, Eagleview, provided the Board with a live demonstration of the various ways to utilize the oblique imagery. The next flyover for Box Butte County is scheduled this year, however the price point that was locked in a couple years ago was for a lower quality image resolution that is no longer offered.

The next flyover will cost \$700.00 more than the original contracted amount in order to capture images with a higher resolution.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, currently has no bids to date as the general contractors that have expressed interest are struggling to find a sub-contractor willing to complete the marble removal/setting. Burke moved to ratify the elevator bid opening to August 29, 2023 with bids due in the Clerk's office and to remove the tile portion of the project from the general contractor bids with a decision to be made September 6, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Mike Johnson, discussed the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and members. As the Planning Commission has not met for multiple years, the recommendation was to reappoint board members and stagger the terms. Sautter moved to reappoint Barb Raben, Jim Weber, and Jerry Underwood for two (2) year terms, Marilyn Lore and Trent Benzel for a one (1) year term, and to accept letters of interest to fill the two board member vacancies for three (3) year terms to be due to the Clerk's office by September 13, 2023 with appointments to be made September 18, 2023, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board also requested that the Planning Commission start meeting on a regular basis at a minimum of annually if not at least quarterly. The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) would like feedback on an application submitted by Schiff of Nebraska, LLC for a modification of a concentrated animal feeding operation. The Board has expressed concerns echoing those of the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District (UNWNRD) to include groundwater monitoring to be continued, a revised groundwater monitoring plan to include an upgradient well, review of the submitted groundwater monitoring plan by the UNWNRD prior to approval, for existing ponds 8, 9A, and 9B ponds to be lined similar to proposed holding ponds 1 and 2, and continued monitoring of nitrate levels. The Board has asked County Attorney Curtiss to draft a letter expressing these concerns to the NDEE.

Burke moved to enter into agreement with P1 Service, LLC for annual HVAC Maintenance Agreement 2023-17, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the 2021 distress warrant list and the Sheriff collection reports showing \$66,250.96 in uncollectible warrants per §77-1719.02. Sautter moved to accept the 2021 Distress Warrant List and Sheriff's report of delinquent taxes, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:15 a.m., to discuss law enforcement procedures, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, Sautter, and Sheriff Tammy Mowry present. At 11:28 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing law enforcement procedures, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Burke moved to accept Sheriff Mowry's resignation due to retirement effective August 31, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, has been working with P1 to troubleshoot the HVAC system errors. Tom Nation has recommended spot tucking on the roof with a yearly checkup. Faris Plumbing submitted an estimate for the storm cleanout/camera inspection of the drain located in the external stairwell on the North side of the courthouse. Burke moved to accept the estimate from Faris for \$1,232.80, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

An initial cybersecurity assessment was performed by Applied Connective in July to provide the County with IT services. Burke moved to have Applied Connective perform a complete analysis of the system, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to terminate IT services with CreativeTek effective August 31, 2023, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

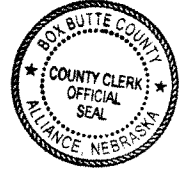
The LB644 joint public hearing date, time, and location were discussed. The suggestion was made to reach out to the Alliance Public Schools to see if they would be willing to host the meeting in the Performing Arts Center. Burke moved to table setting the LB644 public hearing until August 21, 2023, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to sign the auditor letter of engagement with Casey Peterson CPAs & Financial Advisors Agreement 2023-16, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 12:07 p.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:41 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Burke moved to enter into executive session at 12:46 p.m., for a performance evaluation, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, Sautter, and Janitor Jeane Warfield present. At 1:28 p.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing a performance evaluation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Mike R. Bates
County Clerk

8-21-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., August 21, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 2, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, August 18, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Sautter moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the August 2, 2023 minutes, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:25 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign tax list corrections No. 261-263 as presented by Deputy County Assessor, Tiffany Elkins, to accelerate the 2023 taxes on the 2022 rate for Property IDs 070216665, 070144834, and 070240019, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:26 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's monthly report, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The cold mix pile has failed, they believe the source of the problem is too many distillates in the oil causing it to unravel. Keegan asked the Board to consider pest control for the office space at the Road Department. With the installation of above ground power poles near the 1421 W 10th Street property owned by the County, Keegan would like a fence to be installed to secure the property. The Board has instructed Keegan to obtain estimates for the cost/square foot of a 6' tall chain link fence with three barbwire lines. The Board also authorized Keegan to obtain a request for proposal (RFP) for the tractor lease next year.

Burke moved to sign the Annual Certification Form as a part of the Federal-Aid Transportation Fund Purchase-Sale Agreement, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Three bids were submitted for the advertised tree/shrub removal projects by Smith Pine Tree Farms, Flannel Brothers, and Panhandle Tree Service. Sautter moved to accept the bid from Panhandle Tree Service in the amount of \$3,000.00 with the expense to be paid out of the ARPA fund, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to set the LB644 meeting at 6:00 pm on September 20, 2023 at the Alliance High School Performing Arts Center, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

As the Board previously accepted Sheriff Tammy Mowry's resignation due to retirement effective August 31, 2023, the Board discussed next steps to fill the vacancy. Burke moved to appoint Chief Deputy JD Sutphen as Interim Sheriff, effective September 1, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to advertise for applications and resumes to be accepted by the Clerk's office until 4:00 p.m. on September 27, 2023 with interviews to be conducted on October 4, 2023 during the regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Applied Connective IT Services Agreement as presented includes the in-depth analysis of the system. Burke moved to approve the Applied Connective IT Services Agreement 2023-18, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The RCI Administrative Agreement was compared to prior years fees. Burke moved to accept the RCI Administrative Service Agreement 2023-19, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Terry Curtiss, Grant County Attorney, submitted a memo on behalf of the Grant County Commissioners for discussion in regards to an interlocal agreement for Veteran Service Officer (VSO) services. The current VSO for Grant County has already resigned from the position and they have at minimum 40 veterans

needing assistance. Burke moved to table the Grant County Interlocal Veteran Service Officer Agreement 2023-15 to September 6, 2023, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Six individuals submitted letters of interest to serve on the Prairie Dog Advisory Board. Sautter moved to appoint Shawn Hunter, Tim Sherlock, Mike Johnson, Jim Furman, and Lynn Placek, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Initially, Chairman Burke will sit on the advisory board as a non-voting member.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided the Board with an update on the marble work associated with the elevator project. Brian Wilson, Herstead Monument, has expressed concerns about completely removing the marble, as they have been trained to affix it with the intent of being permanently attached. Mr. Wilson is confident he would be able to cut the marble to meet the needs of the project.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:22 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:27 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson met with Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter, Elected and appointed officials Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, Veteran Service Officer Sarah Foland, Extension Educator John Thomas, Extension Assistant 4H Ashley Fenning, Sheriff Tammy Mowry, Chief Deputy JD Sutphen, County Treasurer Valery Bell, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson, County Clerk Martie Burke, and County Attorney Marissa Curtiss. The Board and Budget Consultant discussed expenditure requests from each office and fund account along with revenue estimates for the fiscal year 2023-2024.

Chairman Burke recessed at 3:41 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 3:50 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Budget discussion continued with the final preliminary numbers falling below last year's Property Tax Request amount.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2023-07: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve Resolution 2023-08: Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%), seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2023-09: Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Dudley Prochazka requested to be on the agenda regarding the pit entrance/road conditions and did not make an appearance. No action taken.

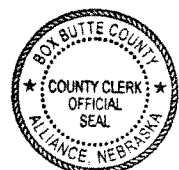
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 6:41 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk



9-6-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:01 a.m., September 6, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 23, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 5, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the August 21, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 312.10; BANK OF THE WEST 45826.38; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 93982.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 239.94; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 215.48; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 178.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 341.55; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR 5251.27; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25634.41; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6622.54; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BANK OF THE WEST 7216.78; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2230.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 96.55; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2394.72; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1705.18 **NET PAYROLL:** 170,972.47

Burke moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, and Veteran Service Office reports, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to accept the resignation of Public Defender Enet Somers-DeHaney effective immediately, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-10 to "not" mark any tax collections to be stricken from the tax rolls, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-11 issuing tax sale certificates, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board asked Keegan to reach out to County Surveyor, Scott Bosse, to get a survey of the 10th street Road Department yard. Keegan has contacted City Manager, Seth Sorensen, regarding the work Figgins did on the East end of W Otoe Road. The City of Alliance has agreed to pay for their portion of the project.

Treasurer Bell discussed future ARPA projects with the Board and expressed the need to continue to allocate the funds.

Veteran Service Officer (VSO), Sarah Foland, reviewed the proposed interlocal agreement with Grant County for VSO services. Burke moved to approve and sign the Interlocal Agreement 2023-15, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to rescind Resolution 2023-09 Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Sheriff's office received Board approval in October of 2022 to increase petty cash from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00, this increase was not reflected in Resolution 2023-09. Sautter moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-12 Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept and sign the office inventory property statements as required by § 23-347, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Box Butte County Public Defender inventory sheet will be completed by a Commissioner and added to the September 18, 2023 agenda.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Dean Settje, Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Inc, presented on the proposed feedlot expansion on behalf of the Schiff family. Upon approval, the proposed plan is to implement this project utilizing a two-phase approach and through the use of local contractors. Mr. Settje noted that the project specs go above and beyond the minimum requirements. The following individuals spoke: Jerry Meyring, 4647 380th Rd, Alliance, NE; Derek Schwanebeck, PO Box 7, Ellsworth, NE; Tom Furman, PO Box 340, Alliance, NE; Adam Bolek, 6251 Sarpy Rd, Alliance, NE; Mike Johnson, Box Butte County Zoning Administrator; Pat O'Brien, Upper Niobrara White Natural Resource District Manager; Terry Curtiss, Box Butte County Deputy County Attorney. Letters were submitted by Jerry Underwood and Melody Benjamin, Nebraska Cattlemen Vice President of Policy Engagement.

Burke moved to close the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING at 9:55 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the conditional use permit contingent on zoning regulations allowing for dirt work to start on non Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) regulated portions of the project to expand to a full permit upon approval by NDEE, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, no; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:10 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:20 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 10:20 a.m., for a performance evaluation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, Sautter, County Attorney Curtiss, and VSO Sarah Foland present. At 10:38 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing a performance evaluation, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Favorable performance evaluation of VSO Foland.

County Attorney Curtiss has asked the Board to establish a petty cash fund at the recommendation of the auditors. Sautter moved to approve the request to establish a petty cash fund for the County Attorney's office for \$500.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss wanted to readdress implementing 24-Hour parking limits from October – April for the Slagle parking lot. The Board has asked County Attorney Curtiss to draft a resolution for review during the September 18, 2023 meeting and to coordinate with Road Superintendent Keegan on signage.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, has been working with Faris to resolve the pipe blockage located in the exterior stairwell. Faris has not been able to locate the blockage. The Board would like an estimate from Faris to go out and over rather than going further into the building looking for the source.

Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, was available on the phone to discuss the problematic bidding process and the difficulty he is having obtaining complete bids. Burke moved to do addendum to change the elevator bid opening date to October 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clerk's office, with a decision to be made October 16, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Marlyn Wilcox, 2338 Rainbow Acres, Alliance, NE, spoke with the Board about the condition of E Otoe Road and the overall lack of maintenance. Mr. Wilcox disagrees with the original decision to chip seal the road and at the very least would like to see a centerline painted on the road.

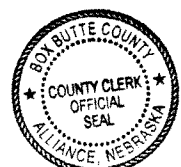
Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:38 a.m., to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Deputy County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter present. At 1:15 p.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing personnel matters, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Mel R Bto
County Clerk



9-18-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:01 a.m., September 18, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 6, 2023. Notice of final tax request, budget hearing and budget summary were published on September 13, 2023, all in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavits of publication have been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 15, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the final tax request hearing at 8:03 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Three copies of the proposed budget were available for public view. The budget workshop was held August 21, 2023 with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson present. Department heads and elected officials gave input regarding the 2023-2024 budget. The purpose of the final tax request hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the Box Butte County taxpayers. With no public comment offered, Burke moved to close the final tax request hearing at 8:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the budget hearing and budget summary at 8:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The purpose of the budget hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the Box Butte County taxpayers on the proposed budget. The 2022-2023 budget was available, along with three copies of the proposed 2023-2024 budget and the aggregate page that provides an overview of the whole budget in comparison to the previous year's budget. With no public comment, Burke moved to close the final tax requesting hearing at 8:21 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:21 a.m., September 18, 2023, in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE, immediately following the final tax request hearing, budget hearing, and budget summary. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Ditsch moved to adopt Resolution 2023-16 Setting the Property Tax Request 2023-2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2023-17 Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sautter moved to table the court appointed juvenile fees for Enet Somers-DeHaney until October 4, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Village of Hemingford, Village Clerk Barb Straub and Board of Trustee member Rick Wacker are very satisfied with the County's coverage of the Village of Hemingford police services. They have concerns about staffing shortages at the Alliance Police Department and filling the Box Butte County Sheriff Chief Deputy/Deputy position. More specifically, the impact these openings will have on the availability/response times of the Box Butte County Sheriff's Department.

With no elected officials or office reports, correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, discussed the upcoming Pictometry flight and new technology that have made the previous image resolution obsolete. As a result, the previous Agreement 2020-07 needs to be amended to terminate services in order to enter into a new agreement with the new high-resolution imagery. Burke moved to sign the amended Pictometry Agreement 2020-07, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign Pictometry Agreement 2023-20, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Discussion was held about the condition of E Otoe Rd and the last time it was chip sealed, as well as the effectiveness of the weight limit signs on E Otoe Rd and by the Hemingford Cemetery. The Board asked County Attorney Curtiss to prepare a resolution to remove said signs for the October 4, 2023 meeting. Keegan has requested an updated copy of the NDOT Stop Sign Program Resolution that reflects the corrections she has identified. Burke moved to table NDOT HSIP Statewide Stop Sign Program Resolution 2023-13 until October 4, 2023, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the 2022 Tax Remaining Reports: Real & Personal, All Collections Records for the Board to review. No action taken.

The Box Butte County Planning Commission currently has two openings for three-year terms. Burke moved to appoint Josh Foster to a three-year term on the Box Butte County Planning Commission, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the Public Defender inventory property statement as required by § 23-347, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Possibility of an amendment at a later date regarding those items that remain unaccounted for.

Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss has updates he would like to make prior to adopting the resolution for 24-Hour parking limits from October – April for the Slagle parking lot. Sautter moved to table the Slagle parking lot signage – 24-hour limit resolution 2023-14 until October 4, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer (VSO), Sarah Foland, discussed employee raises and effective dates as a result of the interlocal agreement with Grant County to provide VSO services. Sautter moved to increase the rate of pay for Sarah Foland by \$1.60/hour and Amy Jensen by \$1.00/hour effective September 1, 2023 payable on October 6, 2023, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. VSO Foland would like to expand Operation Green Light beyond just the front exterior lights of the courthouse. The Board has asked Foland to provide figures for the expansion of operation green light during the October 4, 2023 meeting. Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2023-15 Operation Green Light, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:20 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:25 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave updates on the roof tuckpointing and tree removal projects. White would like to see some backfill done on the planting beds prior to any snowfall.

The Board discussed filling the Public Defender vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Somers-DeHaney. County Attorney Curtiss advised the position can either be filled by appointment or through contracted services. With the high rate of turnover, the Board would like to explore contracted options. The County Clerk will accept proposals for contracted services until 4:00 p.m. on October 12, 2023 for review during the October 16, 2023 meeting. County Attorney Curtiss will provide the Board with a comprehensive sample contract during the October 4, 2023 meeting. Sautter moved to prorate the Public Defender's September salary through September 6, 2023, the date the resignation was officially accepted, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to eliminate the legal assistant position at the Public Defender's office, as the position is not needed at this time, effective immediately, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:07 a.m., to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter, County Assessor Robinson were present. At 11:52 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing personnel matters, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

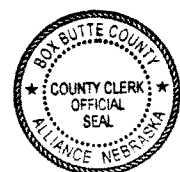
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:08 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk



10-4-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:01 a.m., October 4, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 27, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, October 3, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were 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, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the September 18, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the court appointed juvenile fees for Enet Somers-DeHaney until October 16, 2023, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court reports, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Sautter moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,215.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 282.20; BANK OF THE WEST 39,705.66; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 91,942.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 232.20; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 209.56; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 309.71; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 22,076.43; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 5,589.23; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BANK OF THE WEST 6,044.32; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 100.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,084.28; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,363.03 **HEALTH INSURANCE:** BOX BUTTE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE 171,784.63 **NET PAYROLL:** 151,356.76

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, Burke, and County Assessor Michelle Robinson. Property valuation protest form 422 was heard from Claas Financial Services LLC.

190. Claas Financial Services LLC (070244103) – Burke moved to dismiss for errors in reporting, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Personal Property : 0.

Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

City of Alliance, Interim Police Chief Kirk Felker and City Manager Seth Sorensen, came before the Board to discuss the possibility of contracted police services for the City of Alliance due to staffing issues. Deputy County Attorney Curtiss suggested both entities work towards an interlocal agreement that would be mutually beneficial to the City and the County to share on-call shifts that would go beyond the scope of the previously established mutual aid agreement. The Board has asked Interim Chief Felker and Interim Sheriff JD Sutphen to further discuss this matter.

Interim Sheriff Sutphen reiterated how difficult it is for law enforcement agencies to fill vacancies, as everyone is competing for the same small pool of applicants. Deputy Ryan Dannar echoed these problems and wants Box Butte County to remain competitive by considering higher wages including hourly vs salary, overtime, additional health benefits, and sign-on bonuses.

Burke moved to appoint Interim Sheriff JD Sutphen as Sheriff, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:34 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:45 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 10:46 a.m., to discuss strategic planning, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, Sautter, Sheriff Sutphen, Deputy Dannar, and Dean Christensen present. At 11:20 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing strategic planning, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan presented the Board with two options for the 2024 tractor lease from Titan Machinery and Alliance Tractor, the Board would like to proceed with Alliance Tractor. Simons reached out to Keegan about 1,500 ton of excess millings that are available at \$13.00-\$13.50/ton. Keegan has been directed to offer \$8.00/ton for the entire pile.

Sautter moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-18 to remove the weight limit road signs on Otoe Rd East of CR58 and CR69 South of Dodge Rd, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-13 with NDOT for the HSIP Stop Sign Program, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer Administrative Assistant, Amy Jensen, provided the Board with multiple options for Operation Green Light. Burke moved to allow the Veterans office to spend up to \$500.00 from the (970) Miscellaneous General Fund, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-14 Slagle Parking Lot Signage 24-Hour Limit, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The ARPA Committee has recommended moving forward with new concrete for the remaining three sides of the Courthouse block sidewalk. Chairman Burke received a preliminary estimate of \$8.00/sq ft to remove and replace sidewalks, this included labor and materials. With the anticipation of heavy equipment on the northeast corner of the block for the elevator project, the Commissioners would like to see bids for the south sidewalk and the east sidewalk from the south end of the block to the northern edge of the building. The remaining portion will be replaced following the completion of the elevator project. Clerk Burke and County Attorney Curtiss will work on getting advertisements for bids out with the expectation that the project will happen Spring 2024.

County Treasurer, Valery Bell, discussed options for the County employee appreciation dinner. This will be held November 17, 2023 at the West Side Event Center, meals will be provided for the employee and one guest. Two options will be available, Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Burke moved to sign the Maximus certificate cost allocation plan, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. This computes the indirect cost rates within the Clerk of the District Court and County Attorney Child Support offices.

County Attorney Curtiss informed the Board that the interlocal Child Support Agreement is no longer working following the election of a new County Attorney in Morrill County. The difficult working relationship and increased caseloads have made this agreement no longer feasible for Box Butte County. Burke moved to send Morrill County a child support termination notice effective December 31, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The primary Box Butte County child support staff member understands there will be a decrease in pay following the termination of this agreement and decreased workload.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the Faris estimate that was submitted regarding the drainage issue located in the exterior North stairwell of the Courthouse. Jock Faris, Faris Plumbing and Heating Inc., believes going North out of the building and then turning East to tap into the main line will only take two days. Burke moved to allow Faris Plumbing and Heating Inc. to proceed with the drain replacement, if the project is going to exceed \$7,500.00 it needs to come back before the Commissioners, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects, was available by phone presenting an addendum relating to potential HVAC relocations that could arise during the elevator project.

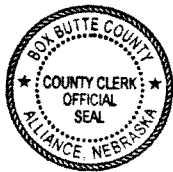
John Thomas, UNL Extension Educator, submitted a performance review for Catherine Carter for the Board to review. Burke moved to give Carter a \$.50/hour raise starting October 1, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss has been reviewing surrounding counties contracts for Public Defenders services. A proposed draft contract was available for the Board to review, that included the option for an Alternate Public Defender should anyone choose to submit a joint proposal. The Board would like the applicants to set their salary to include a 3% cost of living raise and the option for reimbursable expenses. Public Defender contracted services proposals are due to the Clerk’s office by November 2, 2023 by 4:00 p.m., with a decision to be made November 6, 2023.

Chairman Burke recessed at 2:41 p.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 3:05 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 3:13 p.m.



Steve Burke Attest: Mike R. Bledsoe
Chairperson County Clerk 10-16-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., October 16, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 11, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, October 13, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Ditsch moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the October 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No elected official reports were submitted. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19 fiscal year 2023-2024 levies, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) representative, Walker Zulkoski, gave the Board a brief overview of NPAIT and addressed questions about the money market fund, returns on investment, and current interest rates.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims minus the court appointed juvenile fees for Enet Somers-DeHaney, which is to be tabled until November 20, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Jerry Berggren and Leroy Svatora with Berggren Architects were available by phone to discuss the elevator bid submitted by Fuller Construction Company, LLC. Berggren informed the Board that upon acceptance of an elevator bid, it will still take at least 30 weeks for the elevator to arrive. With the project bid coming in higher than expected, it has been recommended by Berggren to pull the current state historic tax credit application and resubmit the project for the full amount. The tax credit application can include up to six months of planning fees incurred prior to the project starting. Burke moved to accept the elevator bid from Fuller Construction Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,480,500.00 with the contingency that the owner listed on the Bid Bond document be updated to the County, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

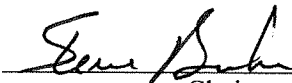
Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board has asked Keegan to try to complete the ingress/egress road work at the Prochazka Pit this week. Keegan is going to look into the possibility of implementing a water softener system to run with the Hotsy pressure washer.

Sautter moved for Chairman Burke to cast the ballot on behalf of the County during the NACO December Election, with Commissioner Sautter as the designee in the event that Chairman Burke is unable to attend, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided the Board with an update from the P1 Service maintenance trip. The majority of the time was spent rewiring pipes and replacing a pump that went down on the Assessor's unit. They will provide more extensive computer training in the Spring.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:46 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:



County Clerk 11-6-23



Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., November 6, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 25, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, November 3, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to approve the October 16, 2023 minutes, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Handbook has conflicting information about overtime calculations on pages 18 and 23. County Attorney Curtiss believes this to be an inadvertent omission on page 23 that should read *Vacation does not count as hours worked for the purpose of calculating overtime*. County Attorney Curtiss will prepare a resolution for the following meeting to clarify the overtime policy.

Ditsch moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2,782.46; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 282.20; BMO BANK NA 49,283.84; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90,764.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 228.33; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 206.26; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 309.71; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26,703.44; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7,239.05; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 6,723.18; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 100.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,254.48; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,561.35 **NET PAYROLL:** 168,703.66

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:34 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book 264 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, correcting items reported in Sheridan County for Property ID 070235791, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the claim to James Ackerman in the amount of \$431.38, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:36 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Greg Yanker, Fuller Construction Company, LLC, brought an updated Bid Bond document and answered questions regarding the elevator project. Fuller would like to begin prep work for the project in early 2024. Burke moved to approve and sign Agreement 2023-21 the Elevator Contract with Fuller Construction, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Mike Manion, Box Butte County Ag Society, requested an SDL Liquor License for a fundraising event to be held at the fairgrounds in December. Burke moved to approve the SDL Liquor License for the Box Butte County Ag Society for December 16th-17th, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 9:47 a.m. to go to the Veteran Service Office to present former VSO Dennis Laughlin with a years of service award to kickoff Operation Green Light week. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:03 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has begun training one of her staff members on bridge inspections, as the certification process requires five years of experience. Two routes currently lack a regular operator due to short staffing. These routes will be absorbed by other operators and will delay snow removal in some areas.

Sautter moved to approve Resolution 2023-20 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Two proposals were submitted by Audrey Long and Stacy Bach for joint contracted Public Defender services. These two attorneys currently carry the majority of the court appointed counsel caseload for both County Court and District Court. Burke moved to accept the proposals from Audrey Long and Stacy Bach

at \$90,000.00/each with the contracted agreement to be signed at a later date, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss will update the agreement to remove the option of additional expenses and will reach out to these individuals about the possibility of extending the agreement through 2026.

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds and Clerk of District Court reports, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources invited Box Butte County to join the National Flood Insurance Program, this matter will be considered at a later date.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, mentioned that the water fountain on the first floor is not draining and that Faris has yet to begin the work on the exterior stairwell drainage issue. Jerry Berggren is working with Architectural Glassarts to coordinate the removal of the stained glass prior to the elevator project commencing.

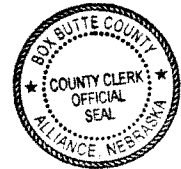
Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Sautter moved to approve and sign Resolution 2023-21 NIRMA Recommitment for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:21 a.m., for personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, Sautter, and Sheriff Sutphen present. At 11:42 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing personnel matters, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

No public comment on the agenda items.

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



Steve Bahr Attest: Mike R. Bahr
Chairperson County Clerk 11-20-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., November 20, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 8, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, November 17, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Sautter moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the November 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Burke moved to accept and sign the Sheriff's monthly reports for August, September, and October, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for the Church of the Holy Rosary presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

City of Alliance Manager, Seth Sorensen, approached the Board about snow removal for the Business Improvement District (BID) and collection of fees for that service. Treasurer Bell and Deputy County Attorney Curtiss both expressed concerns about applying a special assessment and would prefer to see the fees levied. Snow removal around the perimeter of the Courthouse and Slagle properties would be included for the County in exchange for the collection of said fees. Burke moved to approve the implementation of the BID and its levy to include the Courthouse as soon as an agreement is reached between the City and the County, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bell provided the delinquent 2022 and prior personal property and tax list to the Board for review. The Distress Warrants will be issued to the Box Butte County Sheriff. Deputy Attorney Curtiss asked Treasurer Bell and Assessor Michelle Robinson to start pursuing the foreclosure process. No action taken.

Treasurer Bell presented the Homestead Loss Report, numbers were high this year due to an increase in applicants and higher average assessed values. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board has directed Keegan to go out for diesel fuel bids with options for 15,000 gallons and 30,000 gallons to be awarded during the December 18th, 2023 Commissioner meeting. Bids are due in the Clerk's office by 8:30 a.m. on December 18th, 2023.

Deputy County Attorney Curtiss recommended that the Board wait until County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present to make a decision regarding the Maximus agreement. Burke moved to table the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Agreement 2023-23 until December 6, 2023, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2023-22 correcting the overtime calculation language in the Box Butte County Employee Handbook, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Page 23 shall read "Vacation does not count as hours worked for the purposes of calculating overtime."

Burke moved to approve and sign Agreement 2023-22 with Audrey Long and Agreement 2023-24 with Stacy Bach for Public Defender services with the typographical error to be corrected in paragraph 12, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

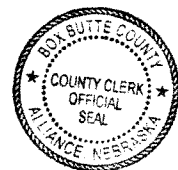
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:43 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk



12-6-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., December 6, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting and the notices of Conditional Use Permit Public Hearings were published November 22, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county’s website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, December 5, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the November 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve monthly payroll and claims as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL: ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 650.70; AFLAC 2,782.46; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 282.20; BMO BANK NA 42,540.98; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90,764.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 224.46; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 202.96; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 309.71; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 23,888.70; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,112.62; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; ROAD: AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 6,779.45; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 100.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,291.98; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,578.88 NET PAYROLL: 158,709.54.**

Burke moved to accept and sign the County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Extension, and Veteran Service Office reports, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to set the **2024 Regular Board Meetings** and **2024 Holidays** as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Meetings

January 3, 2024; January 17, 2024; February 5, 2024; February 21, 2024; March 6, 2024; March 20, 2024; April 3, 2024; April 17, 2024; May 6, 2024; May 15, 2024; June 5, 2024; June 17, 2024; July 3, 2024; July 17, 2024; August 5, 2024; August 21, 2024; September 4, 2024; September 18, 2024; October 2, 2024; October 16, 2024; November 6, 2024; November 20, 2024; December 4, 2024; December 18, 2024.

Holidays

New Year’s Day	January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day	January 15, 2024
President’s Day	February 19, 2024
Arbor Day	April 26, 2024
Memorial Day	May 27, 2024
Juneteenth	June 19, 2024
Independence Day	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	September 2, 2024
Columbus Day	October 14, 2024
Veteran’s Day	November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving	November 28, 2024
Day after Thanksgiving	November 29, 2024
Christmas	December 25, 2024

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book Nos. 265 and 266 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, removing the value for property that is centrally assessed for Property ID 070194564 and removing an exempt property from the tax roll for Property ID 070241163, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to close BOARD

OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve and sign the Maximus Cost Allocation Plan Agreement 2023-23, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to set the One & Six Year Road Plan Hearing for February 5th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Keegan noted there are several locations throughout the County that property owners have began to encroach on the designated right-of-way (ROW). The Board would like to see the County begin reclaiming the ROW.

Triangle Electric has looked at the jail generator and provided the following options: to repair the motor for \$700.00 or to change the system to an all-electric unit for \$1,500.00. With plans to purchase a self-contained unit in the future, the Board opted to repair the motor for \$700.00.

County Attorney Curtiss has been working with the County Sheriff's office and the City of Alliance to draft an Interlocal Agreement for Call Volume Management that will be retroactive to October 1, 2023. A final copy of the Agreement will be available for review during the December 18, 2023 Commissioner's meeting.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Viaero Wireless at 10:09 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Kyle DeNardo, Site Acquisition Specialist with Viaero Wireless, was present and has submitted a request to replace an existing wireless telecommunications facility. New regulations have mandated that the equipment be upgraded to be in compliance. The proposed tower will extend the overall height from 52 feet to 60 feet.

Burke moved to close the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Viaero Wireless at 10:14 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the conditional use permit for Viaero Wireless, CUP 2023-01, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Blake Wohlers at 10:16 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Johnson presented on behalf of Mr. Wohlers who is requesting a conditional use permit to operate a used car lot, as well as a vehicle repair shop. At the request of the Planning Commission, Mr. Wohlers has provided a survey to designate the exact 10 Acres he plans to utilize for these services. As the ranch has historical value as a whole, Mr. Wohlers is not able to divide any parcels of land.

Burke moved to close the Conditional Use Permit PUBLIC HEARING for Blake Wohlers at 10:21 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the conditional use permit for Blake Wohlers, CUP 2023-02, with the condition that Mr. Wohlers obtain his Nebraska Vehicle Dealers License and provide a copy to Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Johnson addressed the need for an updated Comprehensive Plan for Box Butte County, as the current plan is over 20 years old. The Board has asked Johnson to obtain quotes for an updated Comprehensive Plan from at least three different entities as soon as possible.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Burke moved to reopen the meeting at 10:41 a.m. for the Building and Grounds report, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the overall condition of the upholstery on several of the chairs located at the DMV and within the Courthouse. The Board has asked White to work with the Custom Shop to get the DMV chairs reupholstered for \$400.00. White was also asked to take inventory of the conditions of the remaining chairs located in the Courthouse.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



Eric Burke
Chairperson

Attest: Mel R. Bahr
County Clerk 12-18-23

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., December 18, 2023, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 13, 2023, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, December 15, 2023. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the amended December 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

No elected official reports. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign the correction book Nos. 267 and 268 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, removing the value for property that is centrally assessed for Property ID 070194564, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept the fuel bid proposal submitted by Panhandle Coop for 30,000 gallons at \$2.833/gal in the amount of \$84,990.00 (Option – D), conditioned upon the insurance certificate being submitted within 48 hours, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan presented a cost estimate as requested for Keith Rd from Hwy 385 to CR69. As only one project from the One and Six Road Plan has been completed to date, Keegan would like to focus on completing these projects prior to expanding the list.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 9:51 a.m., for a performance evaluation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, Sautter, County Attorney Curtiss, and Road Superintendent Keegan present. At 10:47 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing a performance evaluation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Favorable performance evaluation of Road Superintendent Keegan.

Sheriff JD Sutphen and Chief Deputy Ryan Dannar discussed the current pay structure of the Sheriff's department, hourly wages vs salary, and additional on-call compensation.

Chairman Burke recessed at 12:02 p.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:08 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to appoint Denise Koozer and Steve Benzel to the Box Butte County Extension Board, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Prairie Dog Advisory Board has drafted By-Laws for Commissioner approval. Sautter moved to approve the By-Laws of the Box Butte County Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Advisory Board upon conditions of clarifications being added to Article VI and the identified typographical errors being corrected, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the various entities that are currently providing snow removal for the County. The Board has asked County Attorney Curtiss to draw up a snow removal contract with Flannel Brothers to be discussed at the January 3, 2024 meeting.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, briefly discussed the elevator preconstruction meeting and answered questions about the stained-glass removal to be coordinated with Architectural Glassarts.

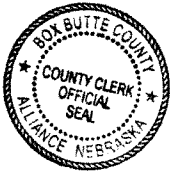
Sautter moved to increase the Veteran Service Office driver pay rates to \$12.00/hour effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The interlocal agreement with the City of Alliance for Call Management has been drafted. County Attorney Curtiss is waiting for a response from the City prior to sending out the final draft to both departments. Burke moved to

table the City of Alliance Interlocal Agreement 2023-05 Call Management until all information is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:44 p.m.



Steve Burke Attest: Mark R. Burke
Chairperson County Clerk 1-3-24