

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., January 3, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 20, 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, January 2, 2024. 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.

REORGANIZATION 2024

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

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

Burke moved to appoint the Chairman (Burke) to the **Welfare Board (Chairman)**, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint the Vice-Chairman (Ditsch) to the **Welfare Board (Vice-Chairman)**, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to appoint Commissioner Sautter to the **Box Butte General Hospital Board, Panhandle Public Health Board, Box Butte County Planning and Zoning Board, and Senior Citizens Board**, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Burke moved to appoint Commissioner Burke to the **Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, Region 1 Office of Human Development Board, Area Agency of Aging Board, E911 Advisory Board, and Box Butte County Prairie Dog Advisory Board**, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Burke moved to appoint Barbara Keegan as **Road Superintendent** at \$5,313.36/month, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to appoint Brett Lauder as **Weed Superintendent** at existing contracted rate, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to appoint Mike Johnson as **Zoning Administrator** at \$1,250.00/month subject to the documentation standards established during the budget workshop, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sautter moved to appoint Sarah Foland as **Veteran's Service Officer** at \$23.96/hour as long as Grant County Interlocal is active, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to designate Alliance Times-Herald as **County Newspaper**, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

BMO BANK NA (ALLIANCE BRANCH)

WELLS FARGO BANK

NPAIT

FIRST INTERSTATE BANK

FNBO

NEBRASKA BANK (Alliance & Hemingford Branches)

SANDHILLS STATE BANK

~~MERIDIAN TRUST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION~~ (*Removed by amendment to Depositories)

PLATTE VALLEY BANK

Sautter moved to approve the December 18, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:52 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Human Services, Inc, and Calvary Assembly of God presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to table correction book Nos. 269 and 270 until January 17, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:55 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan submitted five NIRMA Assist grant applications; three were denied, one received 100% funding, and one received 25% funding.

Sautter moved to approve and sign the NE Crime Commission Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid Application FY2025, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Ryan Dannar came before the Board to continue the Sheriff Deputy pay structure discussion. Employee retention and recruitment remain the top concerns for the department. Sautter moved to change the Sheriff Deputy pay structure from salary to hourly at the current hourly rates with an on-call rate of \$200.00 to be split to \$100.00 per deputy if on-call hours are split. Sunday will include 8-10 hours of pay depending on regular shift schedule, a \$100.00 stipend for jailers called in to work during off hours, six phones total (five new phones) to be used by the deputies for time tracking purposes, all effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to declare the 2003 Cadillac Deville SLS surplus and accept the bid from Caleb Johnson for \$350.00, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss has reviewed the KONE elevator service agreement. Curtiss acknowledged that the current suspension of service was not built into the contract and could affect the five-year term and renewal dates. Chairman Burke will contact KONE to see if they are willing to cancel the contract. Burke moved to table the KONE service contract until further information has been obtained, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss has not had a chance to complete a draft copy of the snow removal contract with Flannel Brothers. Discussion was held regarding the expectations of Flannel Brothers. Burke moved to table the Snow Removal Contract with Flannel Brothers until January 17, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Elected Official Salary Resolution 2024-01, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, discussed the status of the Slagle parking lot signage, as well as the temporary office relocation sites during elevator construction. The Board would like White to paint the Slagle basement in its entirety.

*The Board readdressed the previously approved Depositories after receiving legal clarification that public money cannot be deposited in a Federal Credit Union (FCU). Burke moved to amend the approved **Banks as Depositories** to remove Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board requested the Veteran Service Office hardship fund account be moved out of Meridian Trust FCU. County Attorney Curtiss is also to immediately remove all of the County Attorney bank accounts/funds from the Box Butte Public Employees Federal Credit Union into an approved depository. Following the meeting, the Chairman was notified by VSO Foland that the VSO does not have any bank accounts with Meridian Trust FCU and utilizes BMO Bank NA.

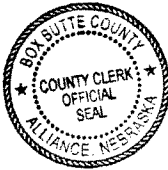
Burke moved to approve and sign the NDOT Urban Area Boundary Map with the boundary correction map attached as provided by Brent Kusek, City of Alliance Community Development Administrator, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve a 3% cost of living as budgeted for in the 2023-2024 FY, effective for the December hours paid during January payroll forward, seconded by Burke. 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: ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 650.70; AFLAC 2,782.46; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 282.20; BMO BANK NA 40,983.32; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 88,196.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 216.72; FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY 25.00; GENE STEFFY CHRYSLER 38,122.00; JACK'S REFRIGERATION, INC 2,120.00; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 195.68; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 165.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 277.87; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 23,318.37; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 5,628.28; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00 ROAD: AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 6,693.82; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2,044.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 110.59; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,332.78; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,511.63 NET PAYROLL: 157,420.25. Claim 24010009 was previously approved in November of 2023 as Claim 23110083 for \$2,420.00. Due to damage that occurred during shipping, a discount was applied, a new invoice was issued, and Claim 23110083 has been voided by Journal Entry 24010001.**

No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:29 p.m.



Eric Bah
Chairperson

Attest: *Mark R. Beto*
County Clerk 1-17-24

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., January 17, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published January 3, 2024, 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, January 16, 2024. 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, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the amended January 3, 2024 minutes, 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 Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Michelle Robinson, presented three tax list corrections. The Board would like further clarification on the duplicate equipment listed on correction book No. 270. No action taken. Burke moved to sign the correction book Nos. 269 and 271 for an adjustment to the income-based exemption percentage (Property ID 070007179) and the removal of a previously accelerated property (Property ID 070144834), seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Evangelical Free Church of Alliance presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:29 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Val Jansante, Congressman Adrian Smith staff member, gave a brief update on federal and state matters, including the Farm Bill, USDA Emergency Relief, E-15 sales, and hydropower tax incentives.

Burke moved to approve monthly claims, to include the full \$1,500.00 payment to Mike Johnson, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson discussed the rent restricted housing project Rosewood Estates I and II. This type of assessment is problematic because they do not reflect an accurate property value when the income approach based on property rent is utilized and the owner reports a negative income resulting in an assessed value of \$0.00. An income approach based on like properties would be the preferred method of assessment and requires a petition to the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) for approval. Burke moved to reopen BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:54 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke made a motion to petition TERC for an alternative appraisal method for Rosewood Estates I and II, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to allow for signatures on said petition once it has been prepared, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:58 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The crew had a difficult time getting the equipment located at the Hemingford shop to start in the sub-zero conditions. Keegan discussed how valuable a semi-enclosed building with electricity would be to the road department.

Treasurer Bell, presented the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report that was published in the Alliance Times Herald. No action taken.

Sheriff JD Sutphen requested an extension of the current vacation accrual caps for the jailers, as they are short staffed and unable to take vacation. Burke moved to extend the vacation accrual cap for jailers to 200 hours, to be reassessed in June, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, confirmed the snow removal map, verified that the Slagle parking lot signs are to be ordered and installed, and has been asked to prepare a list of equipment that is necessary to fulfill the maintenance duties.

Burke moved to approve the Snow Removal Contract with Flannel Brothers Agreement 2024-02 with the snow removal rates of \$55.00/hour for labor and \$200.00/hour for machine hours, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the By-Laws of the Box Butte County Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Advisory Board, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to implement a Consent Agenda going forward to include the agenda, minutes, elected official reports, office reports, payroll, claims, invoices, and correspondence, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Inter-Local Government Agreement Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Agreement 2024-01 with Commissioner Brett Ditsch appointed as the representative for Box Butte County, 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 10:53 a.m.

Steve Rahn
Chairperson

Attest:

Mr R B

2-5-24

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., February 5, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published January 24, 2024, 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 2, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda - February 5, 2024; Minutes – January 17, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 674.77; AFLAC 2722.01; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 302.20; BMO BANK NA 42647.26; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 87122.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 216.72; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 195.68; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 204.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 277.87; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 24226.69; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 5934.20; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00. **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7933.54 BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1728.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 3.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 25.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 100.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2611.91; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1863.71. **NET PAYROLL:** 163129.30.; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk/Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, and Sheriff; Correspondence.

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

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson discussed the current zoning of a project site South of Alliance and whether it needed to be rezoned. As the zoning does not affect the land use, there is no reason to change the current zoning. The Board would like the Planning Commission to develop a request for proposal for an updated Comprehensive Plan, as well as to work on filling the two vacant seats.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign the correction book No. 272 as presented by County Assessor, Michelle Robinson, removing personal property reported in Scotts Bluff County for Property ID 070249113, seconded by Ditsch. 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.

Chief Sheriff Deputy Ryan Dannar discussed holiday on-call pay status for deputies, seeking clarification on additional compensation for being on-call on a holiday. Sautter approved holiday on-call pay for Sheriff Deputies with the same compensation being offered as that for Sunday on-call work, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The shop drawings for the elevator have been submitted to Berggren Architects for review. Pending approval, Fuller Construction will be ordering the elevator, which requires a 50% down-payment to start the build process. As the elevator will only require 220v for operation, there is no longer a need for a mechanical room on the fourth floor. Burke moved to approve the elevator down-payment up to \$175,000.00 to be paid for from the ARPA fund, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Judge Paul Wess and County Court Clerk Magistrate Chelsie Hoagland have requested the transfer of equipment from the Public Defender's office to County Court to enhance courtroom technology. With the acquisition of the requested equipment, the only additional equipment necessary will be a new router to increase the bandwidth. Burke moved to transfer the following items: Apple iPad Pro 12.9", Apple Pencil, Apple iMac Mini - M1, Apple Magic Keyboard & Mouse, Apple Studio Display 2, Apple iPad Pro 256GB, MacBook Pro 16" Max w/mouse, Apple SuperDrive, and Apple Smart Keyboard from the Public Defender's office to County Court, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County inventory sheets are to be updated reflecting the transfers and resubmitted to the Board for review during the February 21, 2024 meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has standing water under the Alliance shop and would like to see preventative measures taken to stop any further deterioration of the building.

Burke moved to table the Courthouse Sidewalk Bids until information is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Julie Bergfield, District 12 Probation, was available via telephone to discuss the potential to have volunteers remove snow at the Courthouse for community service hours. Prior to making any decisions the Board would like to run the liability risk by county insurance carrier NIRMA. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided updates on the elevator project, including the need to expand the elevator shaft an additional 18” to the North. County Court has requested modifications to their front counter with the loss of jury room space from the shaft expansion. The Board would like to see the cost of the proposed project on a change order prior to making a decision. White discussed the need for additional storage space in the basement due to elevator construction, which prompted further discussion about surplus equipment.

Caleb Johnson, J13 Enterprises, LLC, presented a letter of engagement for budget preparations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This agreement is for one-year of service at the flat rate of \$3,900.00, with the option to include a multi-year agreement locked in at \$3,900.00. If Johnson is required to be physically present for a LB644 hearing, his rate will be an additional \$85.00/hour plus required travel expenses. Sautter moved to approve Agreement 2024-03 the Letter of Engagement for Budget Preparation for the next three fiscal years 2024-2027, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; 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 11:53 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

No public comment on the agenda items.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:53 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:03 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

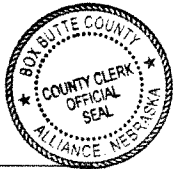
Burke moved to open the 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN HEARING at 1:04 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Those in attendance were Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, and Burke, County Clerk Burke, and County Attorney Curtiss. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided legal publications for the hearing and a summary of the projects completed in 2023. The Commissioners and Road Superintendent discussed upcoming projects and the associated costs of each proposed project. Kris Stumpff, 6871 Keith Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, requested additional rock, as well as red rock on the road to West Plains. Carl West, 6800 Logan Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, spoke about narrow roads and the inability for two semis to pass at the same time. Shayleen Baumann, 6601 Knox Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, requested rock on CR66 from Lincoln Rd to Knox Rd. Gabby Leisy, 5341 Lincoln Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, requested rock on Lincoln Rd from CR59 to CR55. Burke moved to close the 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN HEARING at 1:58 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02 approving the 1 & 6 year road plan for Box Butte County with no changes see Exhibit A, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 2:21 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk



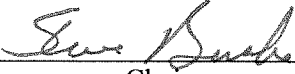
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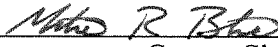
Chairman Burke called the emergency meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:00 a.m., February 12, 2024. Notice of meeting was posted on February 9, 2024 at the Box Butte County Courthouse, Box Butte County Road Department Alliance Shop, Alliance Post Office, and Hemingford Post Office. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county’s website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, February 9, 2024. 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, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


This meeting was determined to be of emergent nature due to safety issues created by the hazardous road conditions identified on Perkins Road from 8900 to 8130.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a verbal report of the road conditions for the identified nine-mile segment of Perkins Road. The road showed signs of discoloration and had recently been bladed by a non-County employee. Heavy truck traffic, the soil composition and freeze/thaw cycles have all contributed to the deterioration of Perkins Road creating hazardous road conditions. The Road Department has been working to restore the road, in the meantime the road has been closed due to safety concerns. Burke moved to pass a ten-ton weight limit restriction on Perkins Road from 8900 (Box Butte/Sioux County line) to 8130, Resolution 2024-03, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 8:35 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


2-21-24

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., February 21, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published February 7, 2024, 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 20, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda - February 21, 2024; Minutes – February 5, 2024 and February 12, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports –Sheriff (2); Correspondence.

Box Butte County Weed Superintendent, Brett Lauder, presented the annual Noxious Weed Control Plan for 2023. Lauder is monitoring the Yellow Flag Iris that has been identified on the Niobrara River. 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 Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented the Form 451 Exemption Applications. Sautter moved to approve and allow Chairman Burke to sign Form 451 Exemption Applications as presented by Assessor Robinson, seconded by Ditsch: **APPROVED:** Alliance Berean Fundamental Church (070030340); Alliance Christian Church (070036098); Alliance Congregation of Jehovah's Witness (070205310); Alliance Recreation Center (070031916); American Legion James Barry Post #9 (070108919); The Anchor (070003726); Apostolics of Alliance (070177147); Berean Fundamental Church (070020817); Berean Fundamental Church (070013314); Box Butte Co 4-H Council Inc (070011931); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070074690); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070109427); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021201); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021112); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021813); Box Butte Co Agricultural Society (070021023); Calvary Assembly of God Church (070044716); CAPstone (070241163); Carnegie Arts Center Inc (070000832); Chadron Community Hospital Corp (070013861); Church of Christ (070010242); Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (070025606); Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (070044619); Congregational Church (070018634); Dobby's Frontier Towners Inc (070080666); Evangelical Free Church of Alliance (070079668); Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (070037280); First Baptist Church of Alliance (070036624); First Baptist Church of Alliance (070005532); First Christian Church (070015031); First Presbyterian Church (070042861); First United Methodist Church (070013624); First United Methodist Church (070004811); Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc. (070235376); Heartland Baptist Church 2012 (070105405); Holy Rosary Church (070045569); Church of the Holy Rosary (070041458); Church of the Holy Rosary (070013632); Church of the Holy Rosary (070008337); Holy Rosary Church (070008345); Holy Rosary Church (070014744); Church of the Holy Rosary (070014736); Human Services Inc (070039321); Iglesia Bethel De Las Asambleas De Dios (070010382); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070041415); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070105421); Immanuel Lutheran Church (070031983); Immanuel Lutheran Church of Alliance (070013683); Indian Mission Church of God Inc (070044384); Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (070011486); Kansas-Nebraska Association of Seventh-Day Adventists (070108803); LODO Community Center LLC (070018189); The Mission Store Inc (070002428); The Mission Store Inc (070002436); The Mission Store Inc (070002444); Northwest Community Action Partnership (070024413); Northwest Community Action Partnership (070010056); Region One Office of Human Development (070011281); Region One Office of Human Development (070035555); Scottish Rite Association of Alliance (070002274); St. Bridgets Church (070017980); St. Johns United Lutheran Church (070012903); St. John's United Evangelical Lutheran Church (070080119); St. Johns United Evangelical Lutheran Church (070214352); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070016445); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070008051); St. Matthew's Church Wardens & Vestrymen (070009988); Templo Bethel Asamblea De Dios (070011664); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070001324); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070041334); Templo Nuevo Amanecer De Las Asambleas De Dios Inc (070041342); United Methodist Church (070016674); VSL Alliance, LLC (070080313); VSL Alliance Assisted Living, LLC (070039364). **APPROVAL OF A PORTION:** Alliance Aerie 136 (070115788); Alliance Chamber of Commerce (070001502); American Legion Post No. 9 (070018359); Alliance Post No. 1517 VFW (070034923). **DENIED:** The DOVES Program (070252262) – Cannot claim exemption on leased personal property; The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (070037159) – Not used for charitable purposes; The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (070037299) – Not used for charitable purposes; The Evangelical Lutheran Good

Samaritan Society (070037752) – Not used for charitable purposes. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book Nos. 273-274 as presented, removing the value for property that is centrally assessed for Property ID 070209065, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss provided an update on the petition to TERC regarding alternative assessment methods for Rosewood Estates. The hearing has been scheduled for March 6, 2024. County Attorney Curtiss and Assessor Robinson plan to be in attendance.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The surplus Sheriff patrol vehicle has been transferred to the Road Department. Keegan would like to begin the process of going out for armor coat bids for Jefferson Road from CR74 to Highway 2. The Board has asked Keegan to go out for armor coat bids to include application and freight due in the Clerk’s office by 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2024 with action to be taken March 20, 2024.

County Surveyor Scott Bosse’ was unable to attend the meeting. Burke moved to table County Surveyor – 1421 W 10th St until March 6, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Deputy vacation and sick hours are to be tracked with MIPS Time and Attendance as a result of the transition to hourly employees effective January 1, 2024. Discussion was held with Chief Sheriff Deputy Ryan Danner about the Vacation Accrual Policy memo dated January 19, 2023 that was sent to all department heads, regarding the enforcement of maximum vacation accrual.

Chief Sheriff Deputy Danner was seeking further clarification on the structure that will be used to calculate overtime for the law enforcement officers. MIPS Time and Attendance has been programmed to calculate overtime for the Deputies with the following structure: 171 Hours/28 Days.

Chairman Burke has been in contact with the City of Alliance regarding cost-sharing the replacement of the curb and gutter included with the proposed sidewalk replacement project on the courthouse block. As loans are not eligible with ARPA funding, the bid process will need to include two separate line items for the sidewalk and the curb and gutter. Burke moved to go out for bid for the Courthouse Sidewalk project due in the Clerk’s office by 9:00 a.m. on March 19, 2024 with action to be taken March 20, 2024., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept and sign the updated office inventory property statements for County Court, Public Defender, and Veteran’s Service Office, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, has moved the potential surplus items out of the basement and into the exterior shed. White is concerned about accessibility to the regulators in the basement once construction begins. Berggren provided interior wall samples for the elevator; 8907-NG Fox Teakwood was selected.

The Box Butte County Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Advisory Board By-Laws approved on January 17, 2024 established a term limit structure for board members. Burke moved to appoint Chairman Mike Johnson to the four-year term, Vice-Chairman Jim Furman and Secretary Lynn Placek to the three-year terms, Shawn Hunter and Tim Sherlock to the two-year terms, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The NACo Prescription Discount Card Program offers cost-savings at no additional expense to county residents. Burke moved to enroll in the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program with the option not to receive the marketing reimbursement fee, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Box Butte County Extension office has been assigned management of this program.

No public comment on the agenda items.

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



Steve Burke Attest: M. R. Bledsoe
Chairperson County Clerk 3-6-24

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., March 6, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published February 21, 2024, 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 5, 2024. 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 remove the December 2023 amended Sheriff's report from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. This report was removed until such time that the items identified in the report can be declared surplus items by the County Commissioners. The Sheriff's office was reminded that they cannot surplus or sell County property without prior approval from the Commissioners. Burke moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – March 6, 2024; Minutes – February 21, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS \$674.77; AFLAC \$2,722.01; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP \$292.20; BMO BANK NA \$42,052.70; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER \$88,300.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE \$224.46; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER \$350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE \$202.28; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING \$229.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) \$277.87; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER \$433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS \$24,084.37; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$5,854.54; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU \$700.00 **ROAD:** AFLAC \$239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP \$32.04; BMO BANK NA \$6,980.69 BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER \$1,858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE \$3.40; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING \$25.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) \$100.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER \$895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS \$2,330.29; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE \$1,602.63 **PAYROLL:** 159,720.98.; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk/Register of Deeds, Clerk of District Court, Sheriff, Extension, and Veterans; Correspondence.

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 sign the correction book Nos. 275-282 as presented by Deputy County Assessor, Tiffany Elkins, correcting homestead exemption amounts identified by the Department of Revenue 2021 Audit for Property IDs 070104697, 070019347, 070013578, 070036896, 070004501, 070106649, 070023514, and 070045186, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:21 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Surveyor Scott Bosse' presented a survey for the Box Butte County Road Shop located at 1421 W 10th St. The Counties existing fence line was not built on the property line. The existing six-foot-wide alley provides limited utility access. The Board discussed deeding an additional nine feet to the City to dedicate 15 feet to utility access. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan has been asked to discuss this plan with Alliance Meadows MHP (East property owner) and see if they are still interested in cost-sharing the fence. The Board discussed the possibility of obtaining a Quit Claim Deed from Ray Hashman (West property owner) for the land identified as eligible for acquisition by means of adverse possession.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has received a quote from Robert Nation Inc Masonry for tuck pointing at the Howard Street Road Shop. R & J Industries has been on-site and identified footing issues as the root cause of the building shifting. The footings need to be redone and the slope needs to be built up to drain away from the structure.

Patrick Hartman, Flannel Brothers, discussed the terms of the Courthouse snow removal contract. Hartman would like to move towards a seasonal flat rate for snow removal with optional brine application. The Board has asked Hartman to provide a quote for a three-year contract.

Sheriff JD Sutphen and Chief Sheriff Deputy Ryan Dannar would like to install Wi-Fi in the jail to enhance the Deputies radio coverage in the building and for internet access for inmate tablets. Burke moved to approve the installation of Wi-Fi in the jail, not to exceed \$12,000.00, to be paid for out of the Miscellaneous General Fund (970), seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Sutphen provided the Board with an update on the furnace that went down last week. Rasmussen’s were able to get the unit back up and running. Rasmussen’s identified issues in the water lines that caused the boiler to malfunction. No action taken.

Sheriff Sutphen has evaluated the patrol fleet and has two vehicles currently operating around 175,000 miles. The Board consensus was to order one vehicle to be paid for out of the Sheriff’s budget, with the surplus vehicle to be transferred to the Road Department.

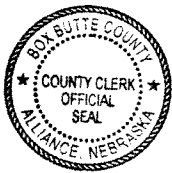
Burke moved to accept the vacation and sick hours for the Sheriff Deputies as presented, correcting previous miscalculations made by Sheriff office administration, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sheriff Sutphen signed off on the following vacation (V) and sick (S) hours: Shelmadine V:110.56, S:189; Dannar V:141.12, S:283; Wangler V:75.17, S:164; Valdez V:33.3, S:40; Kiss V:3.33, S:4.

County Treasurer Valery Bell presented the Board with the sales tax report of property sold at the public tax sale for delinquent taxes on March 4, 2024. No action taken.

Fuller Construction needs additional on-site measurements to complete the shop drawings to submit to Berggren Architects for review to order the elevator. The State Fire Marshall has approved the proposed firewall plan.

No public comment on the agenda items.

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



Steve Burke Attest: M. R. Bledsoe
Chairperson County Clerk 3-20-24

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 9:00 a.m., March 20, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 6, 2024, 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 19, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – March 20, 2024; Minutes – March 6, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports –Sheriff; Correspondence.

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

Burke moved to surplus the following equipment from the Sheriff’s Department: 8 TCP Guns, 13 magazines, 7 holsters, 11 10-count CO2 cartridges, 15 10-count Nitrogen cartridges, 850 rounds inert balls, 70 rounds Live X balls, and 90 rounds Live balls, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to go out for Request For Proposals (RFP) for the concrete repair at the Road Department shop located on Howard Street to be due back in the Road Department shop by April 15, 2024 with action to be taken April 17, 2024 and all work to be completed by September 1, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Charlene Stephenson submitted a request for an extension for the Form 451 application for East Point Horspice, as she failed to get the application submitted to the Assessor’s office prior to the deadline. Burke moved to allow the Form 451 Permissive Exemption extension request by Charlene Stephenson , seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to deny the Form 451 Exemption Application for Charlene Stephenson as the property must be owned by a charitable organization (East Point Horspice), seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The TERC petition requesting alternative assessment methods for Rosewood Estates I and II was granted. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Human Services, Inc presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:33 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has been asked to move forward with obtaining informal bids on a ¾-ton truck, with bids to be received prior to the April 3, 2024 meeting. The Commissioners would like Keegan to leave the 10-ton Weight Limit Restriction signs in place for now.

Keegan presented the bidding requirements for the 2024 Armor Coat Application and Hauling. Burke moved to accept the Armor Coat Hauling Bid from Roes Farms Trucking LLC at \$20.00/ton in the amount of \$25,000.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Armor Coat Application Bid from Topkote, Inc at \$.369/sq yd in the amount of \$41,339.80, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Figgins bid for application remained unopened and was rejected as it was submitted to the wrong address and received after the deadline.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, showed the Commissioners the existing marble and the proposed sample. Fuller Construction anticipates the project start date to be three to four weeks out.

One bid was submitted for the Box Butte County Courthouse Sidewalk project by Peltz Companies, Inc. Cost-sharing the curb and gutter portion of the project will be presented to the Alliance City Council for consideration. Burke moved to accept the bid from Peltz Companies, Inc with \$77,694.00 to be paid for with ARPA funds and the remaining \$33,530.00 to be paid out of the Inheritance fund, to be repaid by the City of Alliance pending approval by the City Council, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

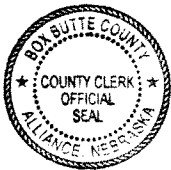
No public comment on the agenda items.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:03 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk

4-3-24



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., April 3, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published March 20, 2024, 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 2, 2024. 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.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan went out for three informal quotes for a ¾ Ton truck, one was received from Chadron Motor Co. Burke moved to approve the bid from Chadron Motor Co. for a 2016 Dodge Ram 2500 in the amount of \$19,096.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – April 3, 2024; Minutes – March 20, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2722.01; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 292.20; BMO BANK NA 43208.49; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90786.00; CHADRON MOTOR CO. 19096.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 399.93; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 232.20; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 209.56; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 229.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 297.11; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 24777.04; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6039.30; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32 AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 6940.43; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 25.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 139.59; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2377.14; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1591.13; **NET PAYROLL:** 165,329.60; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Sheriff; Correspondence.

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. The permissive exemption Form 451 extension request for East Point Horspice was previously granted by the Commissioners on March 20, 2024. Sautter moved to approve the Form 451 Exemption Application for East Point Horspice as presented by Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:16 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The next ARPA Committee meeting has been scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. The Commissioners would like the committee to present a list of potential projects during the April 17, 2024 Commissioner meeting.

Road Department Office Manager Karna Hansen and operator John Maser provided a road and equipment report. Seven radios have been transferred from the Sheriff's office to be reprogrammed for use by the Road Department.

The Road Department continues to monitor the activity on Perkins Road where the 10-Ton weight restriction limit signs were placed. Sautter moved to table the Weight Restriction Signs on Perkins Road Removal Resolution 2024-04 until May 6, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to proclaim May 2024 Mental Health Month, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With upcoming legislative requirements regarding public comment, Burke moved to set the agenda order to include public comment five minutes after the Board meeting is called to order, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Peltz Companies, Inc. submitted Change Order Request #01 to account for additional curb and gutter, increasing the linear feet from 150 LF to 155 LF and project cost by \$1,375.00. Sautter moved to approve Change Order Request #01 from Peltz Companies, Inc., to be paid out of the Inheritance fund, to be repaid by the City of Alliance pending approval by the City Council, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The payment breakdown approved March 20, 2024 for the Courthouse sidewalk project remains \$77,694.00 to be paid for with ARPA funds and the remaining \$33,530.00 and the change order amount of \$1,375.00 are to be paid out of the Inheritance fund. The ADA Warning Panel Ramp should not be included with the curb and gutter costs.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update, discussing the basement stairwell lighting and fourth floor accessibility issues created by limited overhead clearance.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:21 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:26 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson provided a zoning report and would like to see a Board of Adjustment established. Sautter moved to begin advertising for opening on the Board of Adjustment to include four at-large members, one alternate and one member from the Planning Commission to remain open until all the positions have been filled, 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 10:57 a.m.

Erin Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Mrs R B
County Clerk

4-17-24

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., April 17, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 3, 2024, 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 16, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – April 17, 2024; Minutes – April 3, 2024; Claims. The reimbursement to Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson for expenses incurred at the NPZA conference is to be a one-time payment to provide further education related to the Comprehensive Plan update.; Elected Officials and Office Reports –Sheriff; Correspondence.

Public comment: Marlyn Wilcox, 2338 Rainbow Acres, Alliance, NE, spoke with the Board about the overall condition of E Otoe Road and the increasing number of potholes.

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

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 accept the Application for Exemption Form 457's for VSL Alliance Assisted Living LLC and VSL Alliance LLC presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board would like these two organizations to provide additional supportive documentation with future exemption applications. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has been asked to move forward with ordering the Flex Wing Rotary Mower from Alliance Tractor. The Board would also like Keegan to go out for Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2025 Tractor Lease, with action to be taken on May 6, 2024.

Beth Ferrell and Peggy Brass with NACO discussed upcoming board workshops and provided legislative updates.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan went out for RFPs for the cement repair project located at the Alliance Road Department Shop (101 Howard St.). Proposals were received from R & J Industries and Walter Mischnick Contractors. Burke moved to approve the cement repair project proposal from R & J Industries for \$19,561.00, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Planning Commission currently has one opening for a three-year term and a two-year term created by the resignation of Jim Weber. Sautter moved to appoint Rich Smith to a three-year term on the Box Butte County Planning Commission, 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.

The Sheriff's office would like to apply for a Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) grant for new computer MDT's (Getac B360G2) for the patrol vehicles and has requested funding assistance from the Commissioners. Burke moved to accept the computer proposal from Code3 Technology in the amount of \$46,512.00, with \$16,512.00 to be paid out of the Sheriff/Jail fund and the remaining \$30,000.00 to be paid out of the Inheritance fund, to be repaid upon receipt of the NDOT grant, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The ARPA Committee met on April 15, 2024 and submitted the following list of priority projects: 1. VSO: Vehicle 2. Sheriff: Bodycams and In Car Video 3. Road: Hemingford Shop 60' x 80' 4. RFID Door Security System 5. Slagle Egress Windows 6. 5th Street Driveway. Burke moved to approve the purchase of Body Cams and In Car Video from Code3 Technology up to \$88,200.00 out of the ARPA fund, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the purchase of a VSO vehicle up to \$45,000.00 out of the ARPA fund, the purchase is to be made from the state bid unless a local dealer is lower, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Board would like to obtain bids/RFP for items 3 and 5, a quote from Applied Connective for item 4, and to evaluate the current condition of item 6.

Paul Strommen, Legislative District 47 candidate, was unable to attend the meeting due to the Box Butte County Courthouse being a polling site for early voting. No action taken.

Flannel Brothers submitted a snow removal contract proposal. The Board would like to go out for bids for the Courthouse and Slagle sidewalk snow removal. No action taken.

Chelsie Hoagland, County Clerk Magistrate, has been working with Berggren Architects on a potential redesign of the County Court front counter. The Board would like Hoagland to reach out to the City for compliance standards and proceed with getting an estimate based on the information received. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve the transfer of ownership of the courtroom technology identified in Equipment List – Box Butte County J220440159 from the State of Nebraska to Box Butte County, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Election Commissioner Martie Burke has been working with the Nebraska Secretary of State’s office on a HAVA Election Security Grant: Agreement 2024-04, the County has been awarded up to \$5,850.00. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$4,958.38, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, has been working with P1 Service, LLC on HVAC maintenance. Taylor Clare, P1 Technician, discussed electronic control checks for the systems pressure and temperature. Clare will setup temperature alerts, but White will still have to check the pressure gauges manually. Fuller is anticipated to be on-site working on the elevator April 24, 2024.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:24 p.m.



Eve Burke
Chairperson

Attest: Martie R. Burke
County Clerk 5-6-24

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 9:04 a.m., May 6, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 24, 2024, 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 3, 2024. 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 (updated to reflect changes that went into effect on 4-17-24) posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Ditsch moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – May 6, 2024; Minutes – April 17, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 47532.42; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 89478.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 247.63; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 228.33; KANSAS PAYMENT CENTER 350.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 206.26; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 306.73; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26714.45; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6663.18; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU 700.00; **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7331.63; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.08; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 120.28; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2470.76; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1679.40; **NET PAYROLL:** 178005.64; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Clerk of the District Court; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items.

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Iglesia Bethel submitted by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss has asked the Board to consider requesting a full panel for Cheema's TERC appeal. Burke moved to leave the Shiers appeal as a single panel and to take Cheema's appeal to a full panel, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Robinson provided an update on the Alliance Commercial Show-Cause Hearing. TERC has made a ruling that the Alliance Commercial building values require a decrease of 6%. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson is concerned about the lack of service the Assessor's office is receiving from the current GIS service provider GWorks. Robinson is exploring alternative options and wants to consider the possibility of switching to Schneider Geospatial when the GWorks contract expires next year. No action taken.

Robinson would like to bring in a special consultant to handle the 2025 reevaluation of feedlots as these are not her area of expertise. Central Plains Valuation, LLC has provided an estimate for review, values, and defense of values for 30 feedlot parcels (those with 100 head plus) in the amount of \$24,000.00. The Commissioners would like Robinson to obtain additional estimates prior to making any decisions. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan discussed bid specifications for the proposed Hemingford Shop. The Board would like to further discuss obtaining a general contractor or engineer to provide detailed specifications for this project at the next meeting.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-04, the removal of the weight restriction limit signs located on Perkins Road, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Keegan received one RFP for the 2025 Tractor Lease at the same hourly rate as 2024. Burke moved to accept the RFP from Alliance Tractor for the 2025 Tractor Lease at a rate of \$14.00/hour, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

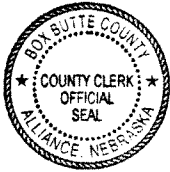
Burke moved to accept the Robert Nation Inc. Masonry estimate in the amount of \$9,640.00 for tuck point repairs at the Alliance Maintenance Shop, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Sautter moved to change the Commissioner meeting scheduled on September 18, 2024 to September 16, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

TK Elevator Corporation replaced the CLC and PCB Boards on the Slagle elevator last week, however the PCB Door Board has gone out and also needs to be replaced to be operational. Burke moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$3,054.07, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update regarding the beam that was restricting the 4th floor elevator door size. Fuller and Berggren Architects have established that this beam will not be load bearing with the reconstruction and that a full-size door can be installed.

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



 Steve Burke Attest: *M. R. Bledsoe*
Chairperson County Clerk 5-15-24

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, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 1, 2024, 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 14, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – May 15, 2024; Minutes – May 6, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:18 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to accept the State of Nebraska Crime Commission Grant 25-CB-0501, Agreement 2024-05, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Valery Bell provided an ARPA committee project update noting the VSO van has been ordered from Wolf Ford of Alliance. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update that they are in the process of removing the car from the shaft. The Board asked White to contact Delphie Montanez to collect any scrap steel.

Richard Otto, 1203 Box Butte Ave, Alliance, NE 69301, spoke with the Board about extending the office space lease agreement for 107 East 5th St, Alliance, NE that ends on June 30, 2024. The Board asked Otto to draft a one-year extension agreement for \$1,650.00/month to be considered during the June 5, 2024 Commissioner meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Traffic counters have been set out and Robert Nation Inc. has started tuck pointing the Alliance Road Shop.

Keegan presented a modified RFP for professional services – general contractor for the Hemingford Shop project. Proposals should be submitted to the Alliance Road Shop by 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2024 and will be evaluated by a Commissioner and Keegan on June 7, 2024 and brought before the Board on June 17, 2024.

Chief Jailer Shane Teichmeier and Correction Officer Sandy St. John have employees that need to attend jail school and have requested they be allowed to do so in Scottsbluff rather than Grand Island. Burke moved to send one correction officer to Scottsbluff for two weeks of jail school, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson received three RFPs for the Comprehensive Plan from Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC, Marvin Planning Consultants (MPC), and Five Rule Rural Planning. The Planning Commission threw out the proposal from Five Rule Rural Planning. Johnson was unable to provide adequate reasoning as to why this plan was removed from consideration and not evaluated. The Planning Commission has recommended the proposal from Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC. Burke moved to table the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan until June 5, 2024 to obtain further information, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

On April 22, 2024, the Planning Commission approved a moratorium on any new commercial solar energy development for a two-year period or until the Comprehensive Plan has been updated. Sautter moved to ratify the recommendation by the Planning Commission for a moratorium to be placed on the development of commercial energy production from May 15, 2024 through April 22, 2026 or until the Comprehensive Plan has been completed, unless the project has been approved by the County Commissioners, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


6-5-24

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, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published May 22, 2024, 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 4, 2024. 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.

Ditsch moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – June 5, 2024; Minutes – May 15, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 47946.58; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 94190.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 325.97; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26666.35; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6809.79 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7854.86; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 120.28; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2605.49; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1823.68 **NET PAYROLL:** 179546.43; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and VSO; Correspondence.

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

Public comment (8:07 a.m. – 8:18 a.m.): Marlyn Wilcox, 2338 Rainbow Acres, Alliance, NE, spoke with the Board about the overall condition of E Otoe Road, the quality of the repairs, and the progress of the repair work.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Deputy Assessor Tiffany Elkins presented Board Notices for properties identified to have clerical errors and to be over/under valued. Burke moved to approve the Board Notices for Property IDs 070244065, 070023549, and 070010161 and to table Property ID 070157065 until the June 17, 2024 meeting, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to hear property valuation protests starting at 8:00 a.m. on the following days: July 8, 2024; July 10, 2024; July 12, 2024; and for hearings/decisions to be made July 15, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch 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 8:30 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Department Office Manager Karna Hansen provided a road and equipment report. The Board has directed the Road Department to go out for diesel fuel bids with options for 15,000 gallons and 30,000 gallons to be awarded during the June 17, 2024 Commissioner meeting. Bids are due in the Clerk's office by 8:00 a.m. on June 17, 2024.

Jim Gardner, CPA, with Casey Peterson, presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Following the presentation, Burke moved to accept the audit, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve Agreement 2024-06, MJLC, LLC Commercial Lease, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Comprehensive Plan RFPs were discussed in further detail with Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson presenting the Planning Commissions process of elimination that resulted in a recommendation for Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC. Planning Commission members Marilyn Lore - D11 Meadows, Alliance, NE and Jerry Underwood - 6381 Lincoln Rd, Alliance, NE echoed Johnson's preference to work with Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC. Sautter moved to accept the RFP for the Comprehensive Plan from Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC with plans to revisit the Zoning Regulations after the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, no. Motion carried.

VSO Foland has reviewed the Interlocal Agreement with Grant County for VSO services and would like to see the monthly billing structure and Federal Veterans programs included in the new agreement. Foland believes the

current monthly fee covers all expenses incurred by Box Butte County and is in-line with similar agreements in this region. The Board asked Foland to provide the County Attorney with the suggested changes. No action taken.

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. The 2023 application was denied due to discrepancies in coverage that dropped the priority level to a tier three project, therefore the previous match contribution from Box Butte County was not spent. Burke moved to approve \$90,000.00 of match to Mobius Communications for the 2024 Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant project, 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 2024-07, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-04, the Box Butte County Prairie Dog Management Plan, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

TK Elevator Corporation replaced the PCB Door Board; however, the elevator is still not operational and the PCB Main Sensor Selector needs to be replaced. Sautter moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$3,111.56, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update noting Fullers have removed the elevator car, but no other work has been done since May 15, 2024.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Ryan Dannar would like to surplus the in-car video systems once the new ones have been installed; the Board requested an equipment list be provided at that time. No action taken.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:08 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:15 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Mike Stodden, SM Enterprises, LLC, was unavailable to attend the meeting, but relayed he would like to continue the current lease agreement for the space utilized by DHHS. No action taken.

During the 2024-2025 budget discussion, Burke moved to notify department heads to limit overall budget increases to 4% or less which includes a 5% increase in wages for all non-elected officials with the intention that longevity pay will cease, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:29 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


6-17-24

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 17, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 5, 2024, 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 14, 2024. 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 approve Resolution 2024-05 transferring \$3,028.13 to the Veteran's Aid Fund (1900). This transfer is for 20,187.5 miles @ \$.15 per mile driven June 1, 2023 through June 1, 2024, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to remove claims from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – June 17, 2024; Minutes – June 5, 2024; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

Burke moved to approve claims to include the hardware from Applied Connective Quote #015746 and for Applied Connective Quote #015774 and the remainder of Quote #015746 excluding the monthly managed services from the agreement to be paid out of the ARPA fund at a later date, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:18 a.m. – 8:21 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:21 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Michelle Robinson presented Board Notices for properties identified to have clerical errors and to be over/under valued. Burke moved to approve the Board Notices for Property IDs 070157065, 070200963, and 070200114, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to table the Form 425 for Property IDs 070028095 and 070028087 until July 3, 2024 to obtain additional information, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:33 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Lori Mazanec, CEO, and Mike O'Dell, CFO, with Box Butte General Hospital (BBGH) provided updates on the Health Record (HR) migration, cyber security attack, financials, and the proposed remodeling project. BBGH is seeking USDA funding that will need to pass through the County possibly in the 2025-2026 FY.

Assessor Robinson presented a proposal from Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC for feedlot appraisal assistance. A motion made by Sautter to approve the bid proposal from Cardinal Assessment Group, LLC for \$200.00/feedlot parcel and one day of Board of Equalization defense died for lack of a second.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update: TK Elevator Corporation replaced the PCB Main Sensor Selector in the Slagle elevator and it is still not operational. No progress has been made by Fuller on the Courthouse elevator.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has not been able to get the cold mix from Figgins and would like to turn the matter over to the County Attorney.

Burke moved to accept the fuel bid proposal submitted by Legacy for 30,000 gallons at \$2.730/gal in the amount of \$81,900.00 (Option – D), conditioned upon the insurance certificate being submitted within 48 hours, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to accept the Hemingford Shop General Contractor RFP from Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign the Grant County Veteran Services Interlocal Agreement 2024-09, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

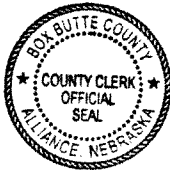
Box Butte County Fair representative Alaina Schoeneman has asked the Board to consider two Special Designated Liquor Licenses; one for the July 27, 2024 Bump and Run pre-fair event and one for Box Butte County Fair August 7th-11th, 2024 on behalf of the Box Butte County Fair/Ag Society. Burke moved to approve both of the Box Butte County Ag Society Special Designated Liquor Licenses, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff JD Sutphen would like to rehire former Sheriff Deputy Preston Walls to fill a part-time deputy position. Burke moved to allow the Sheriff's office to rehire Preston Walls, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Agreement 2024-08 as revised with Sun Daisy Enterprises, LLC, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson would like to complete the Zoning Regulation updates at the same time as the Comprehensive Plan. The Board reiterated that they do not want to go out for Zoning Regulation RFPs until the Comprehensive Plan is nearing completion. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



Eric Burke Attest: Mel R Bho
Chairperson County Clerk 7-3-24

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 3, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 19, 2024, 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 2, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – July 3, 2024; Minutes – June 17, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2,505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 45,577.69; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 94,190.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 414.90; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 316.35; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25,029.42 STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6,434.84 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 6,626.31; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1,858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 120.28; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2,287.10; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1,474.25 **NET PAYROLL:** 169,465.17; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Clerk of the District Court; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:17 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to designate CSG for the LB644 postcard printing company if needed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bell, presented the Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report that will be published in the Alliance Times Herald. No action taken.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:17 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to table the Form 425 for Property IDs 070028095 and 070028087 until July 17, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Michelle Robinson received the Homestead Exemption application for Property ID 070008906 by July 1, 2024. Statutorily the application was filed in a timely manner and does not require an extension. No action taken. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:23 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report noting that Figgins has arrived and has started making the cold mix. The Board has asked Keegan to make the necessary arrangements to get the Alliance Road Shop repainted.

Burke moved to declare the 2012 Dodge Caravan SE surplus to be sold on Purple Wave, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

NACO representatives, Judd Allen and Gregg Mooney, briefly covered the health insurance plan that is being offered by NACO and would like to prepare a quote for the County. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update.

Burke moved to approve signing the National Opioid Settlement for Kroger with the funds to be reallocated to Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Grant Award with the State of Nebraska – Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of aiding in child support services, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 9:24 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 9:32 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

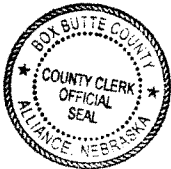
Burke moved to enter into executive session at 9:32 a.m., for pending litigation, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter, and Clerk of the District Court Kevin Horn present. At 10:25 a.m., Burke moved to close executive session discussing pending litigation, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Burke moved to agree to NIRMA representation for claim number PROFBoxB035209 regarding pending litigation, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Fuller Construction Project Manager, Colin Steinke, presented elevator change orders for conduit rerouting, a secure elevator disconnect space, and elevator car card reader wiring/software. Burke moved to approve PR#001, PR#002, and PR#003, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the July elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Architect, Berggren Architects was in attendance.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:16 a.m.



Gene Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Michele R. Bledsoe
County Clerk 7-17-24

The Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 8:00 a.m., July 8, 2024, 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 Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published June 26, 2024, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was posted on the county’s website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 3, 2024 and emailed July 5, 2024.

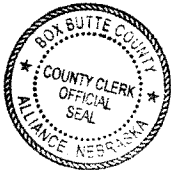
Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings and administered the oath to County Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, and Burke, County Assessor Michelle Robinson and property valuation protestors.

Property valuation protest forms 422 were read by Chairman Burke and evidence was heard from: Jay Dubs (2); KATAJO Properties, LLC - Not present; Samuel Hucke - Not present; Lorie Reeh; Eagle Communications, Inc - Not present (2); Lora Herian - Not present; Dennis Bailey; Matt Shade; Sandra Wood – Called; Money Express, Inc - Not present (9); Cheema Investments LLC - Not present (3); James Essex.

Chairman Burke recessed at 9:55 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:09 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: Dennis Girard; Kenneth Klaes; David Sward (2); Roger Rawle by Scott Moller; Michael Johnson & Richard Farritor by Scott Moller; Bart & Starla Endsley; Alliance Tractor & Implement Co; H & H Sanitation & Recycling; Luke Fuerniss; Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc (2); Rita Vaughn.

Chairman Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 12:00 p.m.



Steve Burke Attest: Martie R. Burke
Chairperson County Clerk 7-17-24

The Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 8:00 a.m., July 10, 2024, 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 Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published June 26, 2024, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was posted on the county’s website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, July 3, 2024 and emailed July 9, 2024.

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: Kotschwar Properties LLC; Creston Myers; ALLO Infrastructure Holdco, LLC; Rahne Girard (2); Monte Hankins; Bennett Mecom – Called; Wren Wilcox; Glenn Lawson; Angela O’Leary; Peltz Companies, Inc (3); Raygen Randall – Called (9).

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:00 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:08 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

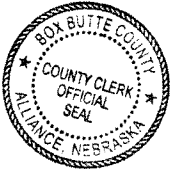
Chairman Burke read property valuation protests forms 422 and evidence was heard from: Frank Thompson; Jesse & Katie Kimball; DPR Wealth Management LLC; Don Berg (2); KL Wood and Co LLC; Koozer Construction - Not present.

Chairman Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 11:05 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk

7-17-24



The Box Butte County BOARD OF EQUALIZATION met in an open and public meeting at 8:02 a.m., July 15, 2024, 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. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Notice of Property Protest Hearings was published June 26, 2024, 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 12, 2024.

Sautter moved to amend the agenda to include public comment, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:44 a.m.).

1. Jay Dubs (070053685) - 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: 29075; Buildings: 99570; Total: 128645.

2. Jay Dubs (070014434) - 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: 24375; Buildings: 23255; Total: 47630.

3. KATAJO Properties, LLC (070016070) - Burke moved 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: 59500; Buildings: 59508; Total: 119008.

4. Samuel Hucke (070093148) - 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: 94441; Buildings: 90875; Total: 185316.

5. Lorie Reeh (070177341) - 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: 67136; Buildings: 318013; Total: 385149.

6. Eagle Communications, Inc (070104549) - 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: 85247; Buildings: 1244; Total: 86491.

7. Eagle Communications, Inc (070011826) - 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: 85853; Buildings: 78190; Total: 164043.

8. Lora Herian (070009864) - 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: 421275; Buildings: 186012; Total: 607287.

9. Dennis Bailey (070193576) - 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: 4200; Buildings: 5353; Total: 9553.

10. Matt Shade (070040311) - 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: 6440; Buildings: 22406; Total: 28846.

11. Sandra Wood (070101868) - 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: 82292; Buildings: 1020; Total: 83312.

12. Money Express, Inc (070033730) - 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: 14400; Buildings: 73564; Total: 87964.

13. Money Express, Inc (070033722) - 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: 14906; Buildings: 73089; Total: 87995.

14. Money Express, Inc (070033714) - 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: 16874; Buildings: 71239; Total: 88113.

15. Money Express, Inc (070033625) - 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: 19933; Buildings: 68363; Total: 88296.

16. Money Express, Inc (070033633) - 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: 26129; Buildings: 62539; Total: 88668.

17. Money Express, Inc (070033641) - 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: 19791; Buildings: 68497; Total: 88288.

18. Money Express, Inc (070033668) - 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: 20909; Buildings: 117933; Total: 138842.

19. Money Express, Inc (070033676) - 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: 19139; Buildings: 73735; Total: 92874.

20. Money Express, Inc (070033684) - 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: 20088; Buildings: 72842; Total: 92930.

21. Cheema Investments LLC (070024332) - 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: 67283; Buildings: 1020480; Total: 1087763.

22. Cheema Investments LLC (070027587) - 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: 85792; Buildings: 392270; Total: 478062.

23. Cheema Investments LLC (070027579) - 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: 73606; Buildings: 403724; Total: 477330.

24. James Essex (070015503) - 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: 6300; Buildings: 149655; Total: 155955.

25. Dennis Girard (070001715) - Burke moved 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: 22500; Buildings: 71185; Total: 93685.

26. Kenneth Klaes (070182272) - 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: 424870; Buildings: 85075; Total: 509945.

27. David Sward (070008264) - 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: 6300; Buildings: 53965; Total: 60265.

28. David Sward (070001359) - 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: 6300; Buildings: 37205; Total: 43505.

29. Roger Rawle (070041881) - 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: 202554; Buildings: 295138; Total: 497692.

30. Michael Johnson & Richard Farritor (070104565) - 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: 149468; Buildings: 30396; Total: 179864.

31. Starla Endsley (070008094) - 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: 18488; Buildings: 340403; Total: 358891.

32. Alliance Tractor & Implement Co (070009155) - 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: 19101; Buildings: 2207; Total: 21308.

33. Ralph Hoxworth (070090726) - 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: 68874; Buildings: 0; Total: 68874.

34. Luke Fuerniss (070046948) - 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: 31390; Buildings: 6972; Total: 38362.

35. Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc (070014485) - 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: 73125; Buildings: 22179; Total: 95304.

36. Alliance Grocery Kart, Inc (070002560) - 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: 166050; Buildings: 761055; Total: 927105.

37. Rita Vaughn (070039062) - 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: 17070; Buildings: 301819; Total: 318889.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:05 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:15 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

38. Kotschwar Properties LLC (070037256) - 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: 50426; Buildings: 83057; Total: 133483.

39. Creston Myers (070013748) - Burke moved 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: 15750; Buildings: 98996; Total: 114746.

40. ALLO Infrastructure Holdco, LLC (070002053) - Burke moved 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: 32500; Buildings: 110175; Total: 142675.

41. Rahne Girard (070014450) - 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: 32500; Buildings: 45435; Total: 77935.

42. Rahne Girard (070014469) - 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: 32500; Buildings: 11089; Total: 43589.

43. Monte Hankins (070041512) - 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: 12188; Buildings: 30181; Total: 42369.

44. Bennett Mecom (070037264) - 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: 85578; Buildings: 1098189; Total: 1183767.

45. Wren Wilcox (070044643) - 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: 37101; Buildings: 112948; Total: 150049.

46. Glenn Lawson (070037639) - 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: 7280; Buildings: 150235; Total: 157515.

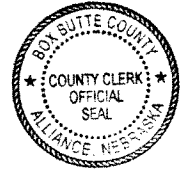
47. Joshua O'Leary (070030731) - Burke moved to accept the testimony the Assessor presented which indicates no change at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 19303; Buildings: 280184; Total: 299487.
48. Peltz Companies, Inc (070041318) - Burke moved to lower the valuation to the recommendation of the County Assessor, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 22800; Buildings: 34933; Total: 57733.
49. Peltz Companies, Inc (070031908) - Burke moved 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: 111004; Buildings: 93511; Total: 204515.
50. Peltz Companies, Inc (070041296) - 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: 23400; Buildings: 79960; Total: 103360.
51. Raygen Randall (070039291) - 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: 82080; Buildings: 880432; Total: 962512.
52. Raygen Randall (070025274) - 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: 32323; Buildings: 424934; Total: 457257.
53. Raygen Randall (070025266) - 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: 32323; Buildings: 424934; Total: 457257.
54. Raygen Randall (070025290) - 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: 29309; Buildings: 427767; Total: 457076.
55. Raygen Randall (070025177) - 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: 32323; Buildings: 424934; Total: 457257.
56. Raygen Randall (070025215) - 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: 28506; Buildings: 428522; Total: 457028.
57. Raygen Randall (070025185) - 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: 32323; Buildings: 424934; Total: 457257.
58. Raygen Randall (070025193) - 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: 32323; Buildings: 424934; Total: 457257.
59. Raygen Randall (070026424) - 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: 27435; Buildings: 480119; Total: 507554.
60. Frank Thompson (070005907) - 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: 9957; Buildings: 108878; Total: 118835.
61. Jesse Kimball (070105588) - Burke moved after testimony & evidence presented of a recent appraisal or sale, lower the valuation, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion Carried. Land: 98922; Buildings: 124078; Total: 223000.
62. DPR Wealth Management LLC (070104379) - 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: 266280; Buildings: 397493; Total: 663773.
63. Don Berg (070014590) - 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: 24375; Buildings: 81293; Total: 105668.

64. Don Berg (070031878) - 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: 10632; Buildings: 2851; Total: 13483.

65. KL Wood and Co LLC (070050139) - 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: 110702; Buildings: 183890; Total: 294592.

66. Tammie Koozer (070080917) - 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: 136600; Buildings: 0; Total: 136600.

Chairman Burke adjourned BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 12:42 p.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:
County Clerk

Mike R. Blake

8-5-24

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, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published July 3, 2024, 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 16, 2024. 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 remove claims from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – July 17, 2024; Minutes – July 3, 2024, July 8, 2024, July 10, 2024; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.).

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the Form 425 for Property ID 070028095 with Reassessment Values of Land: 5,944; Buildings: 0; Total: 5,944, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to deny the Form 425 for Property ID 070028087 due to a lack of information with Reassessment Values of Land: 5,944; Buildings: 45,620; Total: 51,564, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:35 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board would like Keegan to go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for rock screening to be opened in the Clerk’s office on August 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. with a decision to be made on August 21, 2024.

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

Burke moved to declare the 1971 Ford 2000 tractor, International 1300 sickle mower, 2004 Landpride RCB6010 batwing mower, and the Fimco skid unit surplus to be sold on Purple Wave, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Annual Certification Form for the County Buyback Funds, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update noting loads of scrap metal are being hauled off. White has not heard anything from TK Elevator regarding the Slagle elevator.

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

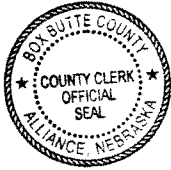
Burke moved to approve monthly claims as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Commissioners attempted to contact Holiday Inn to remove the sales tax from the Sheriff Deputies rooms. Chairman Burke will send the Sheriff’s office a memo about the necessity of providing hotels with the tax exemption form.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:27 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk

8-5-24



Chairman Burke called the meeting to order in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE at 8:04 a.m., August 5, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published July 24, 2024, 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 2, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – August 5, 2024; Minutes – July 15, 2024, July 17, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL: ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS** 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 125.17; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 153.59; BMO BANK NA 48109.37; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 93012.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 414.90; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 239.94; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 216.16; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 306.73; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26687.34; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6789.22 **ROAD: AFLAC** 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 8047.60; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 152.12; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2672.84; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1872.78 **NET PAYROLL:** 180,564.77; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Clerk of the District Court; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.).

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

TK Elevator Corporation has two additional parts to replace before modernization will be required. Burke moved to approve the repair work order with TK Elevator Corporation for the Slagle elevator in the amount of \$3,068.44, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Fuller Construction presented elevator change orders for door modification (CCP 1), AIA Construction Change Directives for conduit rerouting PR#001, a secure elevator disconnect space PR#002, and elevator car card reader wiring/software PR#003. Burke moved to approve the signature to AIA Construction Change documents previously approved PR#001, PR#002, PR#003, and CCP 1 door modification, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided a building report identifying the need for a replacement timer for the Slagle sprinkler system, upgraded door handles and a tension adjustment on the Slagle front door. The Commissioners would like White to move forward with repairing the identified items.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan would like to pursue continued education in the form of tanker endorsements for several employees. The Commissioners have authorized reimbursement in the amount of \$15.00 for employees to obtain the tanker endorsement. Burke moved to declare the 2000 Ford F150 surplus to be sold on Purple Wave, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the Alliance Road Shop paint proposal in the amount of \$3,245.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Resolution 2024-06, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

John Thomas, Extension Educator and the Box Butte County Extension Board have recommended a pay increase for Macala Hood. Burke moved to approve the pay rate of \$12.50/hr. for Macala Hood effective May 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to appoint Tonya Mayer to the Box Butte County Planning Commission, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Attorney Curtiss and Sheriff JD Sutphen presented six autopsy providers for future consideration, as Regional West is no longer providing this service. After review of the information provided, the Board advised Curtiss to present a contract with her preferred provider. No action taken.

Sheriff Sutphen confirmed the 2007 White Dodge Durango is no longer in use by law enforcement. The vehicle type on the insurance will be updated to reflect the vehicle being utilized for general county use. No action taken.

The Commissioners reviewed the previously submitted quote submitted by Flannel Brothers in April of 2024. Commissioner Burke will reach out to Flannel Brothers to see if the quote has expired and if the price is negotiable. No action taken.

Burke moved to accept Amendment Number 6 to the Box Butte County Medical Benefit Plan to exclude Gene Therapy from coverage, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:10 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:03 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, absent; Steve Burke, present.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the August elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora and Jerry Berggren, Architects, Berggren Architects attended via zoom.

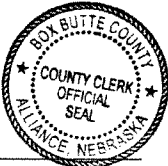
Sautter moved to give Chairman Burke the authority to sign a change order in the amount of \$1,000.00 or less to move the boiler, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Matt R. Bledsoe
County Clerk



8-21-24

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 8:03 a.m., August 21, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 7, 2024, 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 20, 2024. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Burke moved to remove claims from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – August 21, 2024; Minutes – August 5, 2024; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:10 a.m. – 8:23 a.m.).

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

County Treasurer, Valery Bell, presented the 2023 distress warrant list and the Sheriff collection reports via telephone showing \$52,594.04 in uncollectible warrants per §77-1719.02. Burke moved to accept the 2023 Distress Warrant List and Sheriff's report of delinquent taxes, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update that Fuller is unable to move forward until the boilers are moved. TK Elevator has the Slagle elevator up and running.

Burke moved to accept the aggregate screening bid submitted by Kustom Rock at \$10.82/ton in the amount of \$216,400.00, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The bid submitted by KL Wood was incomplete upon submission due to the missing insurance requirement.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board would like to wait until the Spring to stripe the centerlines of the proposed county roads.

Chief Jailer Shane Teichmeier and Sandy St. John presented an addendum to the Cidnet agreement to give the inmates electronic access to the law library. Burke moved to approve Cidnet Addendum One, access to the Fastcase Law Library App, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign the TurnKey Corrections Jail Services Agreement 2024-12, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Pipe Works Plumbing provided an estimate to replace a single toilet/sink unit in the jail. The Board has asked for a complete estimate to replace all ten problematic units to be discussed at the September 4, 2024 meeting. No action taken.

Sheriff JD Sutphen discussed dispatch services providers including Scotts Bluff County and the City of Alliance. No action taken.

County Attorney Curtiss presented a Pathology/Autopsy Services Agreement with Larimer County, Colorado, the Larimer County Coroner's Office, and Dr. Joseph White. Burke moved to table the Pathology/Autopsy Services Agreement 2024-11 until the terms of the agreement have been finalized, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign the auditor letter of engagement with Casey Peterson CPAs & Financial Advisors Agreement 2024-10, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The LB644 meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 pm on September 18, 2024 at the Alliance High School Performing Arts Center. No action taken.


Fuller Construction presented elevator change orders to move the boiler infrastructure (RFI#06) and to extend the proposed contract completion deadline PR#005. Burke moved to approve RFI#06 for \$3,273.35, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve the signature to AIA


Construction Change document PR#005 to move the project completion date from October 31, 2024 to May 5, 2025, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

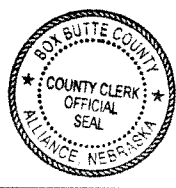
Chairman Burke recessed at 10:40 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:08 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

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

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


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


9-4-24

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 10:00 a.m., August 26, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of the Budget Workshop was published August 14, 2024, 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 23, 2024. 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 Resolution 2024-08: Allowable Increase of Restricted Funds (1%), seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items (10:05 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.).

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2024-09: Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson met with Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter, Elected and appointed officials Veteran Service Officer Sarah Foland, Deputy County Assessor Tiffany Elkins, Extension Office Manager Katie Carter, County Attorney Marissa Curtiss, Sheriff JD Sutphen, Sheriff Administrator Melissa Galles, County Treasurer Valery Bell, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, and County Clerk Martie Burke. The Board and Budget Consultant discussed expenditure requests from each office and fund account along with revenue estimates for the fiscal year 2024-2025.


Chairman Burke recessed at 11:59 a.m., Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:07 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

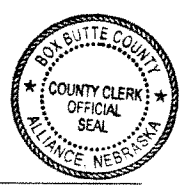
Budget discussion continued with budget hearings scheduled for September 23, 2024 for the Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request (8:00 a.m.) and the Budget Hearing (8:15 a.m.).

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2024-07: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 2:50 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


9-4-24

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., September 4, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 28, 2024, 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 3, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – September 4, 2024; Minutes – August 21, 2024, August 26, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 46824.72; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 94238.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 247.68; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 223.44; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 345.35; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26225.03; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6533.01 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 8225.66; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 1858.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 152.12; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2735.19; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1919.81 **HEALTH:** BOX BUTTE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE 144302.20 **NET PAYROLL:** 178178.54; Elected Officials and Office Reports –Clerk of the District Court, Extension, and VSO; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:17 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:22 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Michelle Robinson, presented one tax list correction. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 283 to accelerate the 2024 taxes for personal property sold with the land sale for Property ID 070163588, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for VSL Alliance Assisted Living LLC presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:29 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Assessor Robinson requested authorization to move forward with purchasing the remaining three tires for the Dodge Durango. Burke moved to approve the purchase of tires for the Dodge Durango, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Box Butte County Fair/Ag Society representative Mike Manion has asked the Board to consider two Special Designated Liquor Licenses; one for the September 14, 2024 Bump and Run event and one for September 21, 2024 event. Burke moved to approve both of the Box Butte County Ag Society Special Designated Liquor Licenses, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Paul Strommen, Legislative District 47 candidate, gave a brief introduction and answered questions from the Board. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan discussed four building layout options for the proposed Hemingford Shop.

The Sheriff's office presented a comprehensive list of bathroom fixture repairs needed in the jail. Sautter moved to direct the Sheriff's office to contact Pipe Works to get all of the necessary repairs done, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2024-10 to "not" mark any tax collections to be stricken from the tax rolls, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2024-11 issuing tax sale certificates, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided a building report noting the boiler has been moved in the basement and construction has resumed on the elevator.

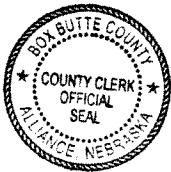
Burke moved to accept and sign the office inventory property statements as required by § 23-347, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:53 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:00 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the September elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects attended via zoom.

Fuller Construction presented AIA Construction Change Directives for restroom door enlargement and replacement CCD#005. Sautter moved to approve the signature to AIA Construction Change document previously approved CCD#005, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

M. R. Beto
County Clerk

9-16-24

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., September 16, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 4, 2024, 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 13, 2024. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Sautter moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – September 16, 2024; Minutes – September 4, 2024; Claims; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Sheriff; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:11 a.m. – 8:21 a.m.).

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

Due to the NACO Annual Conference, Sautter moved to change the Commissioner meeting scheduled on December 18, 2024 to December 16, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table Applied Connective VoIP Phone Services until more information is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan discussed the variance request that has been submitted regarding the proposed Hemingford shop to be reviewed on September 17, 2024. The Board has directed Keegan to go out for crack seal bids to be awarded at the October 16, 2024 Commissioner meeting. Bids are due in the Clerk’s office by 8:45 a.m. on October 11, 2024.

Jim Keegan, Region 23 Emergency Management Deputy, was present to assist with the completion of the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan questionnaires to be submitted by Barb Keegan.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:13 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:17 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

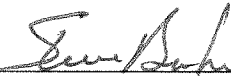
Sandy St. John, Box Butte County Correction Officer, has requested to open a bank account to manage funds generated by the implementation of TurnKey Corrections in the Box Butte County Jail. Burke moved to allow the Box Butte County Jail to open a bank account to manage the TurnKey Corrections funds at First National Bank of Omaha, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


Sheriff JD Sutphen has requested to surplus the in-car camera systems that were recently replaced. Burke moved to surplus seven (7) Watchguard video systems to be sold at the Sheriffs discretion, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

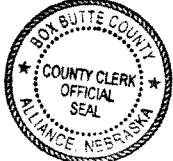
The Board discussed the timesheet return process due to the short turnaround time for payroll. Previous boards established the timesheets were to be returned by no later than 10:00 a.m., however several offices are failing to meet that deadline. The Board decided if this continues to be a problem, the policy will be amended and those departments that do not return timesheets in a timely manner will not be paid until the following meeting.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided a building update noting Fullers have started pouring the elevator foundation.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:40 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


10-2-24

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., September 23, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 11, 2024. Notice of final tax request, budget hearing and budget summary were published on September 18, 2024, all in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavits 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 20, 2024. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the final tax request hearing at 8:01 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 26, 2024 with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson present. Department heads and elected officials gave input regarding the 2024-2025 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 8:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the budget hearing and budget summary at 8:15 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 2023-2024 budget was available, along with three copies of the proposed 2024-2025 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 8:30 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., September 23, 2024, 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.

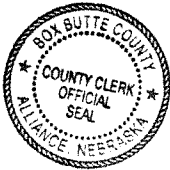
No public comment on the agenda items (8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.).

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-12 Setting the Property Tax Request 2024-2025, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2024-13 Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Steve Burke Attest: Martie R Burke
Chairperson County Clerk 10-2-24



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 2, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 18, 2024, 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 1, 2024. 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 remove correspondence from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – October 2, 2024; Minutes – September 16, 2024, September 23, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2505.67; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 260.16; BMO BANK NA 46041.02; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 92614.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 335.66; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25823.01; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6400.63 **ROAD:** AFLAC 239.32; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7424.12; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2174.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 152.12; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2554.41; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1688.14 **NET PAYROLL:** 173524.80; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Extension.

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

Correspondence – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of updating the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Box Butte County. This information will be passed along to PREMA and the Village of Hemingford for additional review/comment. Panhandle Public Health District will be offering flu and covid shots from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on October 28, 2024 in the basement of the Slagle building.

Region 1 Office Manager, Michelle Fries, and Justice Services Coordinator, Brandi Brunz, provided an overview of the services available in Box Butte County and discussed the Stepping Up Initiative.

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

Shawn Hunter presented two complaint forms the Prairie Dog Management Board has recommended for force control: Complaint 2024-04: SW1/4 (S-T-R: 12-24N-47W); Complaint 2024-07: (S-T-R: 12-24N-48W). Burke moved to start the forced control process on Prairie Dog Management Complaints 2024-04 and 2024-07, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The County employee appreciation dinner will be held on November 15, 2024. County Treasurer, Valery Bell, will provide price options at the next meeting.

County Treasurer Bell presented the 2023 Tax Remaining Reports: Real & Personal, All Collections Records for the Board to review. No action taken.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2024-14 Operation Green Light, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Board would like to move forward with obtaining rock from Brian Jelinek's pit at \$12.00/ton with a loader included.

Corrections Officer (CO), Sandy St. John, would like to rehire former CO Tracy Stark. No action taken.

CO St. John has requested permission to sell nicotine pouches through the jail commissary. Burke moved to table the nicotine pouch discussion until a management plan is presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The jail has a fire panel that was fried during the testing cycle last week and would like approval to purchase a replacement panel. Sautter moved to table the fire panel discussion until replacement costs are presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update discussing the status of the County Court countertop change order. The Board is unable to signoff until a change order is provided detailing the cost.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:50 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 12:00 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the October elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects attended via zoom.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



Steve Burke Attest: Mto R Burke
Chairperson County Clerk 10-16-24

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, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 2, 2024. Notice of the Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing was published October 9, 2024, both 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, October 15, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – October 16, 2024; Minutes – October 2, 2024; Claims; Correspondence.

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

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:23 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2024-15 fiscal year 2024-2025 levies, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:24 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Brian Mischnick, Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders, provided an update on the proposed Hemingford Shop including the site layout and an estimate. The Board would like Mischnick to prepare an estimate for the November 20th meeting that includes a not to exceed figure.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan has been asked to move forward with Red Beard Garage overhauling the 2009 Kenworth T800 with aftermarket parts.

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit 2024-01 PUBLIC HEARING for Tillman Infrastructure at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Curt Walter, Tillman Infrastructure, has submitted a request for a new 295' wireless telecommunications tower and facility for Verizon Wireless.

Sautter moved to close the Conditional Use Permit 2024-01 PUBLIC HEARING for Tillman Infrastructure at 10:14 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the conditional use permit for Tillman Infrastructure, CUP 2024-01, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The publication responsibilities of Planning and Zoning related matters was discussed. The Board was in agreeance that Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson is responsible for the publication of all Planning and Zoning related matters, including all publications required for matters to be heard/acted on by the County Commissioners.

Burke moved to allow Treasurer Valery Bell to make all the arrangements for the County Appreciation Dinner not to exceed \$50.00/person with up to one guest per employee with the date to be determined based on venue availability, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to allow Road Superintendent Keegan to go out for informal bids for a semi to be submitted to the Road Department by November 1, 2024 and to be reviewed by the Commissioners for action on November 6, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No crack seal bids were submitted by the October 11, 2024 deadline. No action taken.

Burke moved to allow Road Superintendent Keegan to go out for informal bids for crack sealing with action to be taken on November 6, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sautter moved to approve the Stepping Up Initiative Mental Illness Resolution 2024-16, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Sautter moved to go out for snow removal contract bids for the 2024-25 season in its entirety with bids to be submitted to the Clerk’s office by 9:00 a.m. on November 18, 2024 and to be reviewed by the Commissioners for action on November 20, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:30 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:38 p.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:38 a.m., for pending litigation related to tort claims, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter were present. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss joined the executive session at 12:01 p.m. Burke moved to close executive session for pending litigation related to tort claims at 12:35 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder submitted a cost proposal for his role in the enforcement of the Prairie Dog Management Plan. Commissioners discussed the initial setup fees incurred during the establishment of the program, as well as the ongoing enforcement costs. No action taken.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



Steve Burke Attest: Mike R. Burke
Chairperson County Clerk 11-6-24

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, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published October 23, 2024, 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 5, 2024. 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 approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – November 6, 2024; Minutes – October 16, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS 24.07; AFLAC 2860.81; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 250.16; BMO BANK NA 49881.24; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 92744.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 243.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 219.46; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 203.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 326.04; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 27550.77; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7128.49 **ROAD:** AFLAC 355.91; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7861.80; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2174.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 152.12; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2664.20; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1823.29 **NET PAYROLL:** 183532.81; Correspondence; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Extension, Sheriff (2), and Zoning (2).

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:16 a.m.).

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

County Surveyor, Scott Bosse, discussed the alignment of the survey corners and the county roads specific to Township 27 Range 48. This matter will be placed on the November 20, 2024 meeting agenda.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Keegan will contact MC Schaff to complete a drainage study for 2500 CR71. Three semi bids were accepted, but ultimately denied as the overall condition of the vehicles did not meet department needs. The Board has asked Keegan to go out for another RFP for semi bids to be due November 15th, 2024 in the Alliance Road Shop with a decision to be made on November 20th, 2024. Keegan has looked into the possibility of a full-service lease with MHC out of Cheyenne. At this time, leasing a semi is not a cost-effective approach. One crack seal bid was received after the deadline, but prior to the meeting. Burke moved to allow the bid submitted by Highway Improvements, Inc to be opened as it was postmarked before the deadline, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the informal bid from Highway Improvements, Inc at \$1.53/Lineal Foot, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2024-17 Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Hemingford Shop Agreement 2024-14 with Walter Mischnick Contractors and Builders with a maximum building cost of \$626,000.00, no approval of change order, and the payment from the ARPA fund not to exceed \$578,231.29, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:03 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:10 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Sautter moved to approve the rehire of the former jail employee, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff JD Sutphen provided updates on the conditions of the jail facility and has been asked to obtain estimates for the implementation of an upgraded switchboard operating system for the doors and lights.

Sutphen has been in discussion with the Village of Hemingford to update the law enforcement services interlocal agreement to include price increases and no additional services. The County Attorney will work with Sutphen to present an updated agreement or an addendum to the existing agreement.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the November elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects, was in attendance; Jerry Berggren, Berggren Architects attended, via zoom.

Burke moved to approve Construction Change Directives 001-006 provided on one AIA document, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update noting the fourth floor has limited access due to the demolition.

VSO Sarah Foland has requested an upgraded premium license to incorporate necessary email encryptions. Burke moved to approve the Applied Connective upgrade for two users to be paid for out of the cybersecurity services line item located in the general fund, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the SDL request submitted by Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC for the Sip and Shop event at the West Side Event Center, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.


Burke moved to table the SDL request for the Box Butte County Fair Board until the paperwork is presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

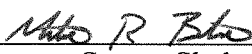
Treasurer Valery Bell provided the delinquent 2023 and prior personal property and tax list to the Board for review. The Distress Warrants will be issued to the Box Butte County Sheriff. No action taken.

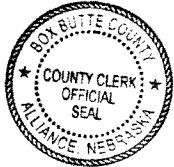
Burke moved to approve the Auditor Engagement Agreement 2024-13 with Casey Peterson CPAs & Financial Advisors with the corrected dates, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the Prairie Dog Force Control Hearing for Joe Weber at 12:04 p.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close the Prairie Dog Force Control Hearing for Joe Weber at 12:08 p.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken; Mr. Weber did not attend.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:10 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


11-20-24

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, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 6, 2024, 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 19, 2024. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

Burke moved to remove claims from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to amend the agenda to start the Public Hearing for the CUP 2024-02 for Weare at 9:15 a.m. as advertised by Mike Johnson, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson disregarded the 10:00 a.m. public hearing start time provided by the Clerk's office. Burke moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Minutes – November 6, 2024. Burke moved to approve claims minus claims for Hoagland \$21.00, Horn \$52.58, and Mracek \$99.77, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items (9:06 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to open the Conditional Use Permit 2024-02 PUBLIC HEARING for Weare at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. David Weare has submitted a request for a diesel repair shop. Sautter moved to close the Conditional Use Permit 2024-02 PUBLIC HEARING for Weare at 9:17 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the conditional use permit for Weare, CUP 2024-02, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Box Butte County Ag Society Special Designated Liquor License for the NFR 10th round event on December 14, 2024, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, gave an elevator progress update. Sautter moved to table CCP#09 until December 4, 2024, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Applied Connective has finished installing the key card access system for the Courthouse and Slagle buildings; the exterior doors for both buildings will be rekeyed by Hansen's Locksmithing.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The building permit for the Hemingford Shop has been issued. A public hearing to amend the one-year road plan has been scheduled for December 16, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Sautter moved to table declaring road equipment surplus until December 4, 2024, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No bids were received for the Semi RFP. With anticipated equipment repair expenses, Keegan will readdress this purchase later in the budget year.

Treasurer Valery Bell presented the Homestead Loss Report. No action taken.

Burke moved to authorize County Surveyor, Scott Bosse, to set survey corners in Township 27 Range 48 and be reimbursed, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No snow removal bids were received. Commissioner Burke will discuss removal options with the City of Alliance.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:19 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:41 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

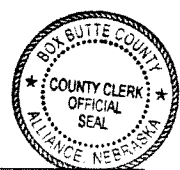
Larry Bolinger, 507 Niobrara Ave, Alliance, NE 69301 discussed juvenile diversion programs. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:12 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk



12-4-24

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 9:02 a.m., December 4, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 20, 2024, 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 3, 2024. 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 Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – December 4, 2024; Minutes – November 20, 2024; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL: ACCELERATED RECEIVABLES SOLUTIONS** 24.07; AFLAC 2829.87; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 250.16; BMO BANK NA 46854.27; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 91778.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 236.07; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 212.18; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 190.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 284.58; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 433.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 26416.65; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6617.29 **ROAD: AFLAC** 355.91; AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP 32.04; BMO BANK NA 7425.70; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2174.00; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA GLOBAL BUILDING 62.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 171.43; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2609.54; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1693.12 **NET PAYROLL:** 176307.34; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk and Clerk of the District Court; Correspondence.

Public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.). Larry Bolinger, 507 Niobrara Ave, Alliance, NE 69301 discussed dispatch service providers.

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

Burke moved to declare the list of properties presented as surplus with a public hearing to be held during the first meeting in February, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Prairie Dog Contract Agreement 2024-16 with Brett Lauder, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Sautter moved to declare the 2001 International 9100 Semi Tractor surplus and to allow Keegan to enter a short-term lease agreement with MTC if necessary, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Solid Waste Services Agreement 2024-15 with SWANN, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the edits to the Zoning Administrator Contract Agreement 2024-17 to be sent to the Zoning Administrator for review, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to appoint Joni Jespersen to the Panhandle Public Health Board as the Box Butte County Spirited Representative, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Seth Sorensen, Alliance City Manager, through correspondence discussed the potential of a snow removal agreement between the City and the County. Commissioner Burke will schedule a follow-up meeting with Sorensen.

Burke moved to approve the Payroll Processing Resolution 2024-18 allowing the Clerk and Chairman to act on behalf of the Board for payroll authorization with the resolution to be sent to the State Auditor's office for input, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to set the **2025 Regular Board Meetings** and **2025 Holidays** as presented with the exception of moving the December 17th meeting to December 22nd, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Meetings

January 6, 2025; January 22, 2025; February 5, 2025; February 19, 2025; March 5, 2025; March 19, 2025; April 2, 2025; April 23, 2025; May 7, 2025; May 21, 2025; June 4, 2025; June 18, 2025; July 2, 2025; July 23, 2025; August 6, 2025; August 20, 2025; September 3, 2025; September 17, 2025; October 1, 2025; October 22, 2025; November 5, 2025; November 19, 2025; December 3, 2025; December 22, 2025.


Holidays


New Year’s Day	January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King Day	January 20, 2025
President’s Day	February 17, 2025
Arbor Day	April 25, 2025
Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
Juneteenth	June 19, 2025
Independence Day	July 4, 2025
Labor Day	September 1, 2025
Columbus Day	October 13, 2025
Veteran’s Day	November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving	November 27, 2025
Day after Thanksgiving	November 28, 2025
Christmas	December 25, 2025

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:33 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:57 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the December elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects, attended via zoom. Burke moved to approve CCP#07 and CCP#08 to be signed on AIA forms when presented, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to table CCP#09 until a later date, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk *off. Clerk*

11-16-24

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 16, 2024, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 4, 2024, 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 13, 2024. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Judy Messersmith, Office 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 remove claims from the Consent Calendar, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – December 16, 2024; Minutes – December 4, 2024; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

Public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.). Larry Bolinger, 507 Niobrara Ave, Alliance, NE 69301 had questions about updating the jail.

Burke moved to approve claims with the exception of Mike Johnson's request for reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$149.41 until the Board receives clarification of expenses, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. With Johnson being a private contractor discussion was held regarding reimbursement of expenses. Specifically, the difference between expenses related to the comprehensive plan versus every day expenses that are built into his contracted fee.

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Assessor Michelle Robinson, presented one tax list correction. Sautter moved to sign correction book No. 284 to include 100% veteran homestead exemption erroneously left off by clerical error for Property ID 070005974, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:27 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke stated minimum wage will go into effect January 1, 2025 at the rate of \$13.50/hour.

Sautter moved to open the One Year Road Plan Amendment PUBLIC HEARING at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan has completed a traffic count study of 2500 CR71. A drainage study was discussed with an estimated repair cost of \$49,000.00 plus depending on if contracted installation is required. Burke moved to close the One Year Road Plan Amendment PUBLIC HEARING at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2024-19 approving the amendment to the one-year road plan for Box Butte County to include project 24-289, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Burke moved to appoint Callan Ackerman to the Box Butte County Extension Board, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved that the cost of living raises previously established during budget time remain at a 5% increase for non-elected and full-time positions, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:16 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:21 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

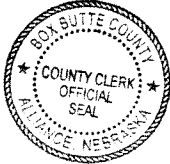
Jail discussion – Ryan Graham, 319 E 15th St #6, Alliance, NE 69301. Graham discussed observations made during his employment with the Box Butte County Jail and the County Grievance Policy. The identified plumbing issues have been approved for repairs; the County is waiting on the plumber. Curtiss stated that getting equipment that complies with Jail Standards has been an ongoing problem. Graham also expressed concerns regarding the radios, cameras, and dogs being allowed in the jail.

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


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk



1-6-25