

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 17, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 3, 2025. Notice of final tax request, budget hearing, and budget summary were published on September 10, 2025, all in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavits of publication have been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 16, 2025. Roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Marissa Curtiss was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Burke moved to 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 25, 2025 with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson present. Department heads and elected officials gave input regarding the 2025-2026 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 Sautter. 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 Ditsch. 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 2024-2025 budget was available, along with three copies of the proposed 2025-2026 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 8:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:20 a.m., September 17, 2025, 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.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2025-14 Setting the Property Tax Request 2025-2026, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2025-15 Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:25 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.).

Sautter moved to accept the Consent Calendar minus claims, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Minutes – September 3, 2025; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff; Correspondence.

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

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

Colin with Fuller Construction conducted the September elevator progress meeting. Leroy Svatora, Berggren Architects, attended via zoom. Sautter moved to approve CCP#19 Attic HVAC in the amount of \$19,900.00, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to set the road vacation hearing of Nance Rd between CR68-CR69 Resolution 2025-13 for October 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to set the One and Six Year Road Plan Amendment hearing for October 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to reappoint John Annen and Thomas Furman to the Box Butte General Hospital Board of Trustees for six-year terms, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No snow removal contract bids were submitted. No action taken.

Burke moved to appoint Chief Deputy Ryan Dannar as Interim Sheriff effective October 11, 2025, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Addendum Interlocal Agreement 2025-13 Extension Services and to give the Chairman authority to sign, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Bell presented the 2024 Tax Remaining Reports: Real & Personal, All Collections Records for the Board to review. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2025-16 issuing tax sale certificates, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve and sign Resolution 2025-17 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 table the auditor letter of engagement with Contryman Associates, PC until the document is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

On September 15, 2025, the Box Butte County Planning Commission recommended approval of Rolando Acosta's Conditional Use Permit (CUP 2025-01) for a truck shop. The Commissioners will review CUP 2025-01 on October 1, 2025.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Steve Burke

Chairperson

Attest:

Mrs R B

County Clerk

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The following claims were approved by the Box Butte County Commissioners on September 17, 2025, for all funds. Abbreviations for this legal: el – election; ex – expenses; gr – grant; ju – jury; me – meals; ml – mileage; re – reimbursement; rt – rent; sa – salaries; se – services; su – supplies; ut – utilities. **GENERAL FUND:** A & J Janitorial LLC 375.00 – ex; Mark Rizzi 772.09 – ex; Advanced Correctional Healthcare 4360.17 – ex; Alliance Grocery Kart 1744.19 – ex; Alliance Motors Unlimited 613.00 – ex; Alliance Postmaster 423.20 – su; Alliance Times Herald 1663.17 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 2375.12 – ut; Applied Connective Technologies LLC 17137.78 – ex; AT & T Mobility- CC 220.80 – ut; Bear Graphics, Inc. 673.82 – ex; Valery Bell 77.00 – re, ml; Black Hills Energy 456.53 – ut; Ideal Linen/Bluffs 700.87 – su; Adam Bolek 942.50 – ex; Bomgaars 175.92 – ex; Box Butte County Attorney 11.75 – ex; Box Butte County Clerk 279.39 – ex; Box Butte County Court 539.00 – ex; Box Butte County Sheriff 1131.93 – ex; Box Butte County Treasurer 150000.00 – interfund transfer; Box Butte General Hospital 3374.00 – ex; Cynthia J Brandt 358.60 – ex; Carter's Home Hardware & Appliance 785.15 – ex; Cash-Wa Distributing 5468.71 – ex; Century Business Products 760.37 – ex; Century Link 32.74 – ut; Charm-Tex, Inc. 117.90 – ex; City of Alliance 7723.59 – ut; Clerk of the District Court 333.00 – ex; Community Action Partnership W Nebr 1525.00 – ex; Plooster Water Inc. 236.75 – ex; Curtiss, Moravek, & Curtiss, PC LLO 17.52 – ex; McCune Auto Parts, Inc. 41.10 – ex; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance 1208.00 – ex; Dawes County Sheriff 15.64 – ex; Diamond Drugs, Inc. 195.36 – ex; Docu-Shred LLC 30.00 – ex; MSC-410526, Dollar General 48.00 – ex; Douglas, Kelly, Meade & Ostdiek 100.00 – ex; Eagle Communications 300.00 – ex; Tiffany Elkins 385.68 – re, me, ml; Kearney Hospitality Inc. 809.70 – ex; Jock H. Faris 6470.38 – ex; William Fattig MD 153.16 – ex; Nancy Jo Flores 480.00 – ex; Tyler Gilmore 87.46 – re, ml; Golden West Industrial Supply 342.02 – ex; H & H Sanitation & Recycling, Inc. 92.25 – ex; Eugene E Hansen 1360.06 – ex; Henne Family Funeral & Cremation 621.00 – ex; Holyoke, Snyder, Longoria, Reichert 3135.49 – ex; Scottsbluff Corporate 383.72 – su; Howard E Jensen 1325.00 – ex; Michael A Johnson 3000.00 – ex; Lancaster County Sheriff's 22.19 – ex; Brett Lauder 5276.25 – ex; A Elliott Law PC LLO 7846.50 – ex; Matthew Hutt PHD 750.00 – ex; McKesson Medical – Surgical 187.81 – ex; Midwest Special Services, Inc. 677.10 – ex; Multicounty Information Programming 3817.55 – ex; MJLC LLC 1650.00 – rt; Kayla Morgan 424.01 – re, me, ml; Melissa Mracek 140.66 – re, su; Nebraska Association of Co. Officials 160.00 – ex; NE Health & Human Services System 465.00 – ex; Nebraska Total Office Inc. 240.40 – su; Nebraska.Gov 126.00 – ex; NMS Labs, Inc. 169.00 – ex; Northeast NE Juvenile Services Inc. 1067.50 – ex; Nossaman Petitt Law Firm, PC 7725.00 – ex; Senior Services, Inc. 98.00 – ex; Pipe Works Plumbing, LLC 802.90 – ex; Pressure Palace 126.87 – ex; PI Service, LLC 1858.00 – ex; Quill Corporation 1430.62 – su; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. 461.23 – ex; Region I Behavioral Health Authority 12513.25 – ex; Paula Jean Rhodes 4395.00 – ex; Michelle Robinson 31.40 – re, su; Secretary of State 80.00 – ex; Carol Sinner 100.00 – ex; Mark Sinner 100.00 – ex; Smith Pine Tree Farm, LLC 666.75 – ex; Steph's Studio Inc. 32.00 – ex; Telecom West Inc. 109.90 – ut; Triangle Electric Inc. 420.93 – ex; Veterans Information Service 70.00 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 3000.25 – ex; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Action Communications, Inc. 152.50 – ut; Alliance Motors Unlimited Inc. 1141.40 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 163.39 – ut; AT & T Mobility 46.42 – ut; Auto Value Alliance 139.99 – ex; Black Hills Energy 128.85 – ut; Bloedorn Lumber 7.72 – ex; Adam Bolek 168.75 – ex; Bomgaars 204.37 – ex; Buchheit Precision 285.00 – ex; Carter's Home Hardware & Appliance 6.19 – ex; City of Alliance 245.14 – ut; City of Alliance/Misc 70.00 – ex; Dan Golka 2600.20 – ex; McCune Auto Parts, Inc. 10.75 – ex; Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Company 43.19 – ut; Hemingford Municipal Utilities 224.32 – ut; K L Wood Company, LLC 72100.00 – ex; Kaiser Concessions Daniel & Rashell Kaiser 162.00 – ex; Barbara Keegan 128.00 – re, su; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Inc. 960.69 – ex; Legacy Cooperative 17785.67 – ex; Lore's Collision & Refinishing LLC 185.00 – ex; Medical Enterprises, Inc. 77.00 – ex; MHC Truck Leasing, LLC 3736.88 – ex; Michael Todd & Company, Inc. 5114.00 – ex; Mid-American Research Chemical Corp. 1197.00 – ex; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company, Inc. 7618.78 – ex; Nebraskia Association of Co Officials 160.00 – ex; NMC Group 48625.47 – ex; Panhandle Bolt Company 3.47 – ex; PREMA 79.62 – ut; Precision Stereo Technology 79.00 – ex; UG Lee Inc. 15034.94 – ex; Scott E Wilkins 8159.06 – ex; Sandberg Implement, Inc. 1309.75 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 6308.87 – ex; **PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND:** Multicounty Information Programming 141.10 – ex; **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND:** Box Butte County Health Insurance 88114.46 – ex; **COVID ARP FUND:** Croell Redi-Mix Inc. 715.50 – ex; **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Berggren Architects, P. C. 11742.00 – ex; Fuller Construction Holding Company, Inc. 33174.01 – ex; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Company 129.86 – ut; **GRAND TOTAL:** 611512.96.