

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 8:02 a.m., September 3, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 20, 2025, in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavit of publication has been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 2, 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.

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 – September 3, 2025; Minutes – August 20, 2025, August 25, 2025; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2343.57; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 96624.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 236.07; FNBO 45701.44; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 213.54; MASA 190.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 569.26; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25794.98; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6135.32 **ROAD:** AFLAC 355.91; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2936.00; FNBO 8264.94; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 5.44; MASA 50.00; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 229.29; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2891.77; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1830.70 **NET PAYROLL:** 175338.45; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Zoning; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:08 a.m. – 8:22 a.m.).

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:22 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to appeal the TERC decision regarding the first acre value of the rural residential subclass, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to approve motions for hearings to be held before a panel of commissioners for Spire Properties NE, LLC, The Money Express, LLC, and Cheema Investments, LLC, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:34 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Mille Farms, LLC (Don Jespersen, 7551 Johnson Rd #1, Hemingford, NE 69348 and Darek Rosinski, Chicago, IL) came before the Board to discuss driveway access and road conditions of CR 86 between Dakota Road and Dodge Road. Mille Farms will coordinate driveway locations with Road Superintendent Barb Keegan. Road improvements (CR 86 800-900) will require an amendment to the One and Six Year Road Plan. No action taken.

Sautter moved to accept Sheriff Sutphen's retirement effective October 10, 2025, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Commissioners asked Keegan to begin the process of implementing a No Thru Trucks sign on East 3rd St for West bound traffic from CR 58.

Extension Educator Melissa Mracek presented an Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of cooperative extension services. Amendments included a jointly funded Extension Educator position between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Box Butte, Dawes, and Sheridan County Boards of Commissioners. No action taken.

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.

Burke moved to approve signing the National Opioid Settlement for Secondary Manufacturers, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The LB644 meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on September 17, 2025 at the Alliance Learning Center Community Meeting Room. No action taken.

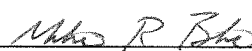
Sautter moved for no change to the health insurance premium rates, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:01 a.m.



Chairperson

Attest:



County Clerk 9-17-25

