

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 22, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published December 10, 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, December 19, 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 and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

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

Sautter moved to accept the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – December 22, 2025; Minutes – December 3, 2025; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff and Zoning; Correspondence.

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

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.

Sautter moved to accept the fuel bid proposal submitted by Legacy for 15,000 gallons at \$2.360/gal in the amount of \$35,400.00 (Option – B), seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:20 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to deny tax list correction No. 319 for Property ID 07223807 per state statute 13-509, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign correction book Nos. 324-332 correcting homestead exemptions for Property IDs 070021295, 070018200, 070018596, 070017832, 070016801, 070017506, 070016887, 070021805, 070022135, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 451 for Alley Cat Campus, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Holy Rosary Community presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:31 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign AIA Change Order Number: 002 for the Box Butte County Elevator Project, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to set the One & Six Road Plan Public Hearing for 10:00 a.m. on February 18, 2026, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:03 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:08 a.m., with roll call: Mike Sautter, present; Brett Ditsch, present; Steve Burke, present.

Sheriff Ryan Dannar swore in Eathen Sanchez as a Deputy for the Box Butte County Sheriff's Department.

Treasurer Bell provided an update on the collection progress of the Distress Warrants. No action taken.

Zoning Administrator Mike Johnson provided a status update on the terms of the Planning Commission members. The Board will advertise four openings with letters of interest due in the Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on February 2, 2026, with appointments to be made during the February 4, 2026 Commissioner meeting.

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

Burke moved to set minimum wage at \$15.00/hour effective January 1, 2026, seconded by Ditsch. 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 outside of law enforcement that will have a \$34.54/hour cap with individual

rates to be set at the discretion of Sheriff Dannar, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

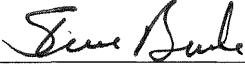
Sautter moved to approve the Elected Official Salary Resolution 2025-24, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dannar provided an initial assessment from CML Security for preventative maintenance and repairs on the jail locks. No action taken.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:25 a.m., for pending litigation seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Sheriff Dannar, and Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter were present. Burke moved to close executive session for pending litigation at 11:44 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Burke moved to release a statement to the press from the Box Butte County Commissioners related to the TERC appeal of the rural residential subclass, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:54 a.m.



Chairperson

Attest:



County Clerk



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The following claims were approved by the Box Butte County Commissioners on December 22, 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; Advanced Correctional Healthcare 3760.17 – ex; Alamosa County Sheriff's Office 20.24 – ex; Alliance Grocery Kart 1140.67 – ex; Alliance Motors Unlimited 376.78 – ex; Alliance Postmaster 736.80 – ex; Alliance Times Herald 404.25 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 2462.20 – ut; Applied Connective Technologies LLC 3099.68 – ex; AT & T Mobility 653.58 – ut; AT & T Mobility-CC 220.80 – ut; Bates-Gould, Inc. 1800.00 – ex; Bear Graphics, Inc. 670.87 – ex; Valery Bell 359.80 – re, ml; Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC 976.60 – ex; Bernie's Supply & Hardware 27.90 – ex; Black Hills Energy 1826.40 – ut; Bloedorn Lumber 9.99 – ex; LB413164 Blue Media 107.95 – ex; Ideal Linen/Bluffs 1227.50 – su; Bob Barker Co. Inc. 245.00 – ex; Bomgaars 33.92 – ex; Box Butte County Attorney 12.15 – ex; Box Butte County Court 532.00 – ex; Box Butte County Sheriff 1289.30 – ex; Jared Hunt 240.00 – ex; Steve Burke 52.36 – re, ml; Camelot Transportation Inc. 792.50 – ex; Carter's Home Hardware & Appliance 86.50 – ex; Cash-Wa Distributing 4141.59 – ex; Century Business Products 2429.37 – ex; Century Link 32.93 – ut; Charm-Tex, Inc. 649.30 – ex; Charter Communications 266.05 – ex; City of Alliance 6956.74 – ut; Clerk of the District Court 219.00 – ex; Clay Jeppsen 156.00 – ex; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, & Watson 240.00 – ex; Plooster Water Inc. 387.30 – ex; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance 1208.00 – ex; Keystone RX Corporation, Inc. 75.46 – ex; Diamond Drugs, Inc. 456.31 – ex; Docu-Shred LLC 35.00 – ex; MSC-410526, Dollar General 55.30 – su; Douglas County Sheriff's Department 8.73 – ex; Douglas, Kelly, Meade & Ostdiek 5631.40 – ex; Susan C Dyer 48.00 – ex; Karel Essex 24.00 – ex; First Interstate Bank-Mastercard 414.67 – ex; Nancy Jo Flores 480.00 – ex; Galls, LLC 221.64 – ex; Gene Steffy Chrysler 43217.00 – ex; H & H Sanitation & Recycling, Inc. 92.25 – ex; Matthew Hutt PHD 50.00 – ex; Scottsbluff Corporate 281.47 – su; Michael A Johnson 1500.00 – ex; J13 Enterprises, LLC 4054.46 – ex; Larimer County Coroner 856.00 – ex; Brett Lauder 5276.25 – ex; A Elliott Law PC LLO 7725.00 – ex; Midwest Special Services, Inc. 1357.90 – ex; Multicounty Information Programming 4030.42 – ex; MJLC LLC 1313.00 – rt; Mobius Communications Company 161.21 – ex; Motorola Solutions, Inc. 3210.16 – ex; Melissa Mracek 285.00 – ex; NE Health & Human Services System 450.00 – ex; Nebraska Extension Garden County 280.43 – ex; Nebraska Total Office Inc. 928.69 – ex; Nebraska.Gov 16.00 – ex; NMS Labs, Inc. 570.00 – ex; Northeast NE Juvenile Services, Inc. 457.50 – ex; Nossaman Pettitt Law Firm, PC 10889.50 – ex; Senior Services, Inc. 222.00 – ex; Pipe Works Plumbing, LLC 600.00 – ex; Powertech, LLC 1177.00 – ex; Pressure Palace 11.05 – ex; Print Express 190.15 – ex; P1 Service, LLC 1858.00 – ex; Quadient Finance USA, Inc. 140.61 – ex; Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. 133.95 – ex; Quill Corporation 337.87 – su; Rapid Fire Protection 310.00 – ex; Rasmussen Mechanical Services, Inc. 4092.10 – ex; Red Willow Co. Sheriff's Dept. 42.82 – ex; Paula Jean Rhodes 15525.00 – ex; Michelle Robinson 151.20 – re, ml; Scottsbluff County Detention 900.00 – ex; Secretary of State 40.00 – ex; Ashley Spahn 525.00 – ex; Stockmen's Drug 20.00 – ex; Strode Forensics 1610.00 – ex; Telecom West Inc. 109.90 – ut; Tyler Technologies, Inc. 951.88 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 2165.13 – ex; Lori White 6.47 – re; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Alliance Motors Unlimited Inc. 498.53 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 163.69 – ut; AT & T Mobility 46.45 – ut; Auto Value Alliance 62.50 – ex; Black Hills Energy 748.70 – ut; Bomgaars 549.05 – ex; Buchheit Precision 403.75 – ex; City of Alliance 296.47 – ut; McCune Auto Parts, Inc. 185.64 – ex; Mark L Heigel 1585.00 – ex; Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Company 43.33 – ut; Hemingford Municipal Utilities 225.93 – ut; Hotsy Equipment Co. 157.50 – ex; Inland Truck Parts Company 127.52 – ex; John Deere Financial 442.84 – ex; K L Wood Co., LLC 45476.50 – ex; Kaiser Concessions Daniel & Rashell Kaiser 780.00 – ex; Barbara Keegan 21.40 – re, su; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Inc. 1581.51 – ex; MHC Truck Leasing, LLC 7.31 – ex; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc. 3708.55 – ex; NMC Group 7614.24 – ex; Panhandle Fab Inc. 945.00 – ex; PREMA 77.68 – ut; UG Lee Inc. 188.91 – ex; Scott E Wilkins 6255.57 – ex; Stern Oil Co Inc. 1032.69 – ex; Uline 119.89 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 17614.70 – ex; **PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND:** Multicounty Information Programming 141.10 – ex; **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND:** Box Butte County Health Insurance 55087.04 – ex; **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Berggren Architects, P.C. 5716.55 – ex; **HIGHWAY BOND FUND:** BOKF, NA 60343.75 – ex; **GRAND TOTAL:** 378049.36.