

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 3, 2025, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published November 19, 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 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 and Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss were present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room.

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 3, 2025; Minutes – November 19, 2025; Payroll/Claims/Invoices **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2475.19; AMERICAN LEGION SUPPER CLUB 1325.00; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 82142.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 212.85; FNBO 44902.81; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 192.38; MASA 190.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 540.33; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 25049.05; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 6223.21 **ROAD:** AFLAC 341.30; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2304.00; FNBO 7176.68; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 219.67; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2471.38; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1601.73 **NET PAYROLL:** 167211.47; 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.

Public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.) – Jackie Sandersfeld, 13421 Rd 117, Alliance, NE 69301, discussed restricted access created by the property owner obstructing CR62.

Burke moved to set the **2026 Regular Board Meetings and Times** as presented with the exception of moving the January 21st meeting to January 20th. Meeting start times will be 9:00 a.m. except June through September that will start at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Meetings

January 7, 2026; January 20, 2026; February 4, 2026; February 18, 2026; March 4, 2026; March 18, 2026; April 1, 2026; April 22, 2026; May 6, 2026; May 20, 2026; June 3, 2026; June 17, 2026; July 1, 2026; July 22, 2026; August 5, 2026; August 19, 2026; September 2, 2026; September 23, 2026; October 7, 2026; October 21, 2026; November 4, 2026; November 18, 2026; December 2, 2026; December 21, 2026.

Sautter moved to set the **2026 Holidays** as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Holidays

New Year’s Day	January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King Day	January 19, 2026
President’s Day	February 16, 2026
Arbor Day	April 24, 2026
Memorial Day	May 25, 2026
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
Independence Day	July 3, 2026
Labor Day	September 7, 2026
Columbus Day	October 12, 2026
Veteran’s Day	November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving	November 26, 2026
Day after Thanksgiving	November 27, 2026
Christmas	December 25, 2026

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to table tax list correction No. 319 for Property ID 07223807 until more information is available, seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book Nos. 320-323 correcting a tax district and homestead exemptions for Property IDs 070238057, 070022119, 070021953, 070021872, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:26 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Board heard comments from Jackie Sandersfeld, Hannah Snyder, 390 CR62, Alliance, NE 69301, and Troy Sorenson, 189 Brayton Rd, Alliance, NE 69301 regarding accessibility issues created by the gate that has been placed across CR62 by a private land owner. The County Attorney’s office has recommended dedicating the road and installing an auto gate across CR62. Sautter moved to direct the County Attorney to send correspondence to the adjacent land owners regarding dedicating the road, seconded by Ditsch. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. The Commissioners will wait until next year before considering any additional rock crushing in the Hashman Pit.

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

Treasurer Bell requested the second-floor bathroom in the Courthouse be locked during the day restricting access to employees only. Commissioner Sautter will work with Building and Grounds to replace the keys/lock. No action taken.

Ditsch moved to deny the sidewalk inlet replacement request submitted by Peltz Companies, Inc, seconded by Burke. Sautter, yes; Ditsch, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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



Eric Burke Attest Michele R. Bledsoe
Chairperson County Clerk 12-22-25