

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 20, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published January 7, 2026, 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, 2026. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, absent (arrived at 9:39 a.m.); Mike Sautter, 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. Ditsch, absent; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, absent; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – January 20, 2026; Minutes – January 7, 2026; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Extension, Sheriff, and Zoning; Correspondence.

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

No public comment on the agenda items (9:06 a.m. – 9:17 a.m.).

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. Ditsch, absent; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign correction book Nos. 333-375 correcting 2022 and 2023 taxes for homestead exemptions for Property IDs 070004773, 070081182, 070109567, 070020809, 070037930, 070041008, 070111898, 070046174, 070098042, 070019177, 070080453, 070008787, 070039674, 070130205, 070107602, 070074879, 070015384, 070012989, 070121028, 070008795, 070091102, 070014051, 070091870, 070045461, 070033285, 070107653, 070001367, 070091870, 070016887, 070022135, 070016321, 070023832, 070035024, 070016550, 070047715, 070014051, 070018197, 070103461, 070016089, 070004773, 070109567, 070080453, and 070015384, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, absent; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Burke. Ditsch, absent; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White, provided an update on the elevator punch list. No action taken.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to direct the Road Superintendent to provide a written road study of CR62 and Wayne Rd as identified on the road vacation petition, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to set the road vacation public hearing for CR62 at 10:00 a.m. on March 18, 2026 with a public hearing for Wayne Rd to immediately follow, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to declare the 2001 Chevrolet 1500 (#3000) surplus to be sold at a later date, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Keegan would like to partner with Grant County on a packaged armor coat project to reduce costs. No action taken.

Sheriff Ryan Dannar provided an update on the status of the hot water heater in the jail. Pipe Works Plumbing has replaced the hot water heater. No action taken.

Burke moved to reappoint Tim Sherlock and Shawn Hunter to the Prairie Dog Advisory Board for four (4) year terms, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the revisions to the Prairie Dog Management Plan and Complaint Form, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:42 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:46 a.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 11:47 a.m., for a performance evaluation, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Sautter, Ditsch, Burke, and Jeane Warfield present. At 12:09 p.m., Burke moved to close executive session for a performance evaluation, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

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



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

M. R. B.
County Clerk

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The following claims were approved by the Box Butte County Commissioners on January 20, 2026, 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; Callan Ackerman 12.60 – ml; Advanced Correctional Healthcare 3610.17 – ex; Alliance Grocery Kart 577.70 – ex; Alliance Motors Unlimited 4984.24 – ex; Alliance Postmaster 1250.80 – su; Allo Communications, LLC 2431.90 – ut; Applied Connective Technologies LLC 3048.10 – ex; AT & T Mobility 370.70 – ut; AT & T Mobility-CC 220.80 – ut; Valery Bell 79.75 – re, ml; Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC 254.75 – ex; Steven D Benzel 8.40 – re, ml; Black Hills Energy 1625.26 – ut; Ideal Linen/Bluffs 780.05 – su; Bob Barker Co. Inc. 417.82 – ex; 4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H 3000.00 – rt; Box Butte County Attorney 10.25 – ex; Box Butte County Court 624.00 – ex; Box Butte County Extension 44.88 – re, ml; Box Butte County Sheriff 150.79 – ex; Box Butte County Treasurer 200000.00 interfund transfer; Box Butte Development Corp. 5625.00 – ex; Cynthia J Brandt 63.60 – ex; Buffalo County Sheriff's Dept. 18.50 – ex; Martie Burke 267.74 – re, su; Carter's Home Hardware & Appliance 179.94 – su; Cash-Wa Distributing 5956.65 – ex; Century Business Products 562.31 – ex; Century Link 32.93 – ut; Charm-Tex, Inc. 123.88 – su; Charter Communications 266.05 – ex; City of Alliance 1023.00- ml; City of Alliance 7620.71 – ut; Clerk of the District Court 375.00 – ex; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, & Watson 1920.00 – ex; Crowne Plaza Kearney 434.85 – ex; Plooster Water Inc. 158.25 – ex; Ryan Dannar 140.00 – re, su; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance 1208.00 – ex; Deluxe 749.52 – ex; Diamond Drugs, Inc. 850.24 – ex; Docu-Shred LLC 52.50 – ex; Douglas, Kelly, Meade & Ostdiek 2940.20 – ex; First Interstate Bank-Mastercard 237.00 – ex; Nancy Jo Flores 480.00 – ex; Government Forms and Supplies 306.00 – ex; H & H Sanitation & Recycling, Inc. 92.25 – ex; Kevin Horn 519.80 – re, ml; Scottsbluff Corporate 490.48 – su; Michael A Johnson 1500.00 – ex; Keep Alliance Beautiful 5000.00 – ex; Denise Koozer 4.00 – re, ml; Lancaster County Sheriff's 20.92 – ex; Brett Lauder 5276.25 – ex; Richard Laursen 120.00 – ex; Legal & Liability Risk Mgmt Institute 550.00 – ex; A Elliott Law PC LLO – 7725.00 – ex; Tory A McVicker 10.50 – re, ml; Mid-States Organized Crime Info 100.00 – ex; Midwest Special Services, Inc. 2712.10 – ex; Multicounty Information Programming 4438.47 – ex; MJLC LLC 1313.00 – rt; Mobius Communications Company 225.00 – ut; Nebraska Association of County Officials 75.00 – ex; NE Clerks of District Court Assn. 50.00 – ex; NE Public Health Environmental Lab 105.00 – ex; Nebraska Assoc of County Assessors 100.00 – ex; Nebraska Department of Labor 2765.76 – ex; Nebraska Total Office Inc. 79.32 – su; Nebraska.Gov 79.00 – ex; Nossaman Pettit Law Firm, PC 10703.28 – ex; Travis O'Gorman 453.00 – re, su; Senior Services, Inc. 72.00 – ex; Panhandle Assoc. of County Assessors 125.00 – ex; Peltz Companies, Inc. 91657.25 – ex; Pipe Works Plumbing, LLC 475.00 – ex; Positive Concepts Inc. 235.00 – ex; Pressure Palace 38.25 – ex; P1 Service, LLC 1858.00 – ex; Quadiant Finance USA, Inc. 81.28 – ex; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc. 435.00 – ex; Quill Corporation 306.92 – ex; Paula Jean Rhodes 3285.00 – ex; Marie Rine 6.00 – re, ml; Michelle Robinson 408.05 – re, me, ml; Secretary of State 20.00 – ex; Telecom West Inc. 109.90 – ut; TK Elevator Corporation 547.68 – ex; Triangle Electric Inc. 220.40 – ex; TRU By Hilton Kearney, NE 624.75 – ex; USDA,APHIS General 2104.68 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 2273.98 – ex; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Alliance Motors Unlimited Inc. 1439.20 – ex; Alliance Tractor & Implement Co. 2168.72 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 163.67 – ut; AT & T Mobility 47.02 – ut; Bernie's Supply & Hardware 5.52 – ex; Black Hills Energy 1371.35 – ut; Adam Bolek 458.75 – ex; Box Butte General Hospital 71.00 – ex; City of Alliance 772.58 – ut; McCune Auto Parts, Inc. 681.63 – ex; Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Company 43.30 – ut; Hemingford Municipal Utilities 241.53 – ut; J&A Traffic Products 665.00 – ex; Kaiser Concessions Daniel & Rashell Kaiser 867.44 – ex; Koke's Auto Farm Truck, Inc. 648.32 – ex; WIN Investments Inc. 374.85 – ex; Legacy Cooperative 3505.98 – ex; Medical Enterprises, Inc. 36.00 – ex; Mid-American Research Chemical Corp 1197.00 – ex; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc. 12318.95 – ex; Newman Traffic Signs 717.17 – ex; NMC Group 5293.34 – ex; PREMA 78.33 – ut; PT Hose and Bearing 46.93 – su; Quill Corporation 291.97 – su; UG Lee Inc. 2222.85 – ex; Scott E Wilkins 16653.24 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 8081.37 – ex; **PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND:** Multicounty Information Programming 141.10 – ex; **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND:** Box Butte County Health Insurance 77444.22 – ex; **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Berggren Architects, P.C. 3480.50 – ex; Fuller Construction Holding Co. Inc. 31690.08 – ex; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Box Butte County Road Department 398.70 – ex; **GRAND TOTAL:** 578479.71.