

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., February 18, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published February 4, 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, February 17, 2026. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; 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 Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – February 18, 2026; Minutes – February 4, 2026; Correspondence.

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

Public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:16 a.m.). Walker Zulkoski, NPAIT, 721 S 14th St, Lincoln, NE 68508 – discussed NPAIT services.

Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Sautter moved to declare the 1998 Ranco Belly Dump (#4102) surplus to be sold at a later date, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Burke moved to open the 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN HEARING at 10:02 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Those in attendance were Commissioners Ditsch, Sautter, and Burke, County Clerk Burke, County Attorney Curtiss, and Deputy County Attorney Curtiss. Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided legal publications for the hearing and a summary of the projects completed in 2025. The Commissioners and Road Superintendent discussed upcoming projects and the associated costs of each proposed project. Mary Crawford, 7767 Madison Rd, Alliance, NE 69301, spoke about road conditions. Burke moved to close the 1 & 6 YEAR ROAD PLAN HEARING at 10:46 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2026-03 approving the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Box Butte County with objections or alterations, see Exhibit A, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Curtiss provided an update on the potential road dedication of CR 62 in Box Butte County and Rd 117 in Morrill County. Sautter moved to table the Morrill County and Box Butte County CR62 and Wayne Rd course of action until April 1, 2026, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Pipe Works Plumbing Estimate 16676 Option #1 in the amount of \$13,289.00, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 11:05 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:08 a.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

Sautter moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the contract for the Box Butte County Zoning Administrator Agreement 2026-04, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to authorize up to two members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Administration to attend the NPZA conference, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to send a response to Carl Roland regarding the Prairie Dog Advisory Board conflict of interest claim, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke discussed scheduling a time for department heads to meet and review potential GIS applications that could be implemented through the MIPS platform. No action taken.

Sautter moved to purchase six Android based tablets to replace the existing time clock machines, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:04 p.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Milo R. B...
County Clerk

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The following claims were approved by the Box Butte County Commissioners on February 18, 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; Advanced Correctional Healthcare 3610.17 – ex; Alliance Chamber of Commerce 77.00 – ex; Alliance Grocery Kart 1086.89 – ex; Alliance Motors Unlimited Inc. 387.08 – ex; Alliance Postmaster 724.80 – su; Alliance Times Herald 765.87 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 2375.31 – ut; Applied Concepts Inc. 1457.00 – ex; Applied Connective Technologies LLC 3298.10 – ex; Rodney W Scott 19320.00 – ex; AT & T Mobility-CC 220.80 – ut; Bates-Gould, Inc. 1800.00 – ex; Valery Bell 123.83 – re, me, ml; Black Hills Energy 2545.38 – ut; Ideal Linen/Bluffs 607.01 – su; Bob Barker Co Inc. 135.39 – ex; Bomgaars 14.95 – ex; Box Butte County Attorney 12.15 – ex; Box Butte County Clerk 12.65 – su; Box Butte County Court 407.00 – ex; Box Butte County Sheriff 585.41 – ex; Jared Hunt 65.00 – ex; BZT Wraps 770.00 – ex; Carter’s Home Hardware & Appliance 28.26 – ex; Cash-Wa Distributing 3920.46 – ex; Century Business Products 837.49 – ex; Century Link 32.88 – ut; Charter Communications 266.05 – ut; City of Alliance 7305.95 – ut; Clerk of the District Court 378.00 – ex; CML Security, LLC 6975.00 – ex; Crites, Shaffer, Connealy, & Watson 920.00 – ex; Plooster Water Inc. 149.45 – ex; Ryan Dannar 58.74 – re, su; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance 1208.00 – ex; Diamond Drugs, Inc. 103.35 – ex; Docu-Shred LLC 17.50 – ex; MSC-410526, Dollar General 66.75 – su; Election Systems & Software, Inc. 115.00 – ex; Jock H. Faris 286.70 – ex; First Interstate Bank-Mastercard 1940.00 – ex; Flock Group Inc. 9000.00 – ex; Nancy Jo Flores 480.00 – ex; H & H Sanitation & Recycling, Inc. 104.25 – ex; Harmony Business Supplies 557.91 – ex; Scottsbluff Corporate 388.23 – su; Amy Jensen 17.10 – re, su; Michael A Johnson 1500.00 – ex; K L Wood Co., LLC 100.00 – ex; Brett Lauder 5976.25 – ex; Richard Laursen 60.00 – ex; Lincoln County Sheriff 27.90 – ex; A Elliott Law PC LLO 7956.75 – ex; McKesson Medical – Surgical 15.57 – ex; Midwest Special Services, Inc. 1796.10 – ex; Multicounty Information Programming 4299.28 – ex; MJLC LLC 1313.00 – rt; NE Health & Human Services System 465.00 – ex; NE Public Health Environmental Lab 111.82 – ex; NE Association of Co Clerks/ROD 50.00 – ex; Nebraska Total Office Inc. 2470.36 – su; Nebraska.Gov 93.00 – ex; Nossaman Pettitt Law Firm, PC. 8544.20 – ex; Senior Services, Inc. 26.00 – ex; PB Electronics 670.00 – ex; Pipe Works Plumbing, LLC 13000.00 – ex; Pressure Palace 12.75 – ex; Print Express 287.80 – su; P1 Service, LLC 1858.00 – ex; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc. 186.33 – ex; Quill Corporation 885.23 – su; Rasmussen Mechanical Services Inc. 4092.10 – ex; Redfield Direct, LLC 1346.15 – ex; Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. 466.00 – ex; Paula Jean Rhodes 7210.00 – ex; Samples Dean Law LLC 290.00 – ex; Scottsbluff County Detention 540.00 – ex; Secretary of State 120.00 – ex; Sheridan County Sheriff 38.00 – ex; Smith, King, Simmons PC 590.00 – ex; Telecom West Inc. 109.90 – ut; Triangle Electric Inc. 3081.92 – ex; Turbotemp Mechanical 520.00 – ex; Paul Wess 98.00 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 2297.98 – ex; Doublenine Alliance LLC 161.67 – ex; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** Alliance Times Herald 20.59 – ex; Allo Communications, LLC 174.76 – ut; AT & T Mobility 47.01 – ut; Barcel Mill & Lumber, Inc. 2683.75 – ex; Bernie’s Supply & Hardware 16.45 – su; Black Hills Energy 1268.22 – ut; Bomgaars 183.18 – ex; Box Butte General Hospital 123.00 – ex; City of Alliance 390.48 – ut; McCune Auto Parts, Inc. 1655.43 – ex; Mark L Heigel 1000.00 – ex; Hemingford Co-Operative Telephone Company 43.30 – ut; Hemingford Municipal Utilities 225.79 – ut; Kaiser Concessions Daniel & Rashell Kaiser 333.00 – ex; Barbara Keegan 64.16 – re, su; Koke’s Auto Farm Truck, Inc. 445.34 – ex; Kevin Kim Rosane 54100.00 – ex; Legacy Cooperative 5875.93 – ex; Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc. 3572.56 – ex; Newman Traffic Signs 5308.24 – ex; NMC Group 8881.22 – ex; Panhandle Bolt Company 6.98 – su; Panhandle Fab Inc. 601.85 – ex; Pomp’s Tire Service Inc. 5512.00 – ex; PREMA 81.54 – ut; PT Hose and Bearing 188.38 – ex; Michael P. Rodriguez 1451.55 – ex; Western Cooperative Company 4301.77 – ex; **PRESERVATION MODERIZATION FUND:** Box Butte County Treasurer 2500.00 – interfund transfer; Multicounty Information Programming 141.10 – ex; **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND:** Box Butte County Health Insurance 113965.31 – ex; **INHERITANCE TAX FUND:** Berggren Architects, P.C. 1150.00 – ex; **911 EMERGENCY FUND:** Newman Traffic Signs 885.21 – ex; **GRAND TOTAL:** 365799.02.