

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., March 4, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published February 18, 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, March 3, 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.

Ditsch moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – March 4, 2026; Minutes – February 18, 2026; Payroll/Claims/Invoices - **GENERAL:** AFLAC 2218.57; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 86018.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 396.99; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 224.46; FNBO 43567.65; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 203.64; MASA 190.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 564.06; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 24934.97; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 5577.34 **ROAD:** AFLAC 310.47; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 2174.00; FNBO 7512.75; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 4.76; MASA 37.50; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 200.36; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 2567.96; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 1583.65 **NET PAYROLL:** 168516.93; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, Extension, and VSO; Correspondence.

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.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Sautter moved to accept the Armor Coat Application Bid from Sta-Bilt Construction Company at \$.48/sq yd in the amount of \$82,222.51, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Commissioners have directed Keegan to go out for bids for a used wheel loader; bids are due in the Clerk’s office by 12:00 p.m. on March 30, 2026 for consideration during the April 1, 2026 Commissioner meeting.

Road Superintendent Keegan will be applying for the Nebraska Infrastructure Hub FY27 Congressional Directed Spending opportunity for the Hemingford North Project with Congressman Smith and Senator Fischer. No action taken.

Burke moved to approve ordering a Dodge Durango off the state bid, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Valery Bell presented the sales tax report of property sold at the public tax sale for delinquent taxes on March 2, 2026. No action taken.

Sautter moved to table meeting procedures until March 18, 2026, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Commissioners have asked County Attorney Curtiss to draft a termination letter to GWorks for GIS services to be reviewed on March 18, 2026.

Burke moved to notify MJLC, LLC that we will not be renewing the Public Defender office space lease, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 10:45 a.m., for a performance evaluation, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney Curtiss, Commissioners Ditsch, Sautter, Burke, and Sarah Foland present. At 11:05 a.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.

Burke moved to appoint Trent Benzel, Barb Raben, Ryan Reiber, and Jerry Underwood to the Box Butte County Planning Commission, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

*Steve Burke*

Chairperson

Attest:

*Marta R. B...*

County Clerk

3-18-26

