

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., April 22, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 8, 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, April 21, 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 remove claims from the consent calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the remaining Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – April 22, 2026; Minutes – April 1, 2026; Payroll/Claims/Invoices – April 1, 2026: AFLAC 2529.04; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 88062.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 444.03; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 224.46; FNBO 55932.93; FULLER CONSTRUCTION HOLDING CO INC 161562.85; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 209.08; MASA 253.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 29868.20; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7884.79; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 774.04 NET PAYROLL: 183978.27; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Zoning; Correspondence.

Sautter moved to pull the Box Butte General Hospital (BBGH) claim in the amount of \$34,958.01 and approve the remaining claims, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. BBGH claim was removed as several of the dates of service were outside the statutorily required ninety (90) day window to submit a claim.

No public comment on the agenda items (9:08 a.m. – 9:22 a.m.).

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to accept the Applications for Exemption Form 457 for VSL Alliance LLC and VSL Alliance Assisted Living LLC presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to sign correction book No. 377 accelerating 2026 personal property taxes for Property ID 070246300, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:22 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

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

Burke moved to open the (CR 62) ROAD VACATION HEARING at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Keegan provided her official road summary report and recommendation. Jackie Sandersfeld, 13421 Rd 117, Alliance, NE, opposed; Amanda Kildow, 11026 CR 83, Bayard, NE, for; Matt Walker, 11026 CR 83, Bayard, NE, for; Jared Mann, 2350 Hwy 2, Alliance, NE, opposed; Troy Schnell, 2510 CR 57, Alliance, NE, opposed; Doreen Powers, 13894 US Hwy 385, Alliance, NE, opposed; Rod Underwood, 7650 Thomas Rd, Alliance, NE, opposed; Mindy Foster, 851 CR 62, Hemingford, NE, opposed; Hannah Snyder, 3090 CR 62, Alliance, NE, opposed; Jeff Metz, Morrill County Chairman; Steve Swanson, submitted letter, opposed; City of Alliance Fire Department and Electric Department, opposed. Burke moved to close the (CR 62) ROAD VACATION HEARING at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the (WAYNE RD) ROAD VACATION HEARING at 10:47 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Road Superintendent Keegan provided her official road summary report and recommendation. Matt Walker, 11026 CR 83, Bayard, NE, for. Burke moved to close the (WAYNE RD) ROAD VACATION HEARING at 11.01 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the MIPS Assessment Review Agreement 2026-06, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, no; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to allow Sheriff Ryan Dannar to sign Cidnet Agreements 2026-09 (Content and security) and 2026-10 (Audio and video), seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

State Wildlife Services Director Ryan Powers was present to discuss wildlife services and aircraft maintenance costs. Burke moved to sign USDA Wildlife Amendment Agreement 2026-08, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

John Weare, Executive Director, Keep Alliance Beautiful, provided an overview of the scope of services offered and current recycling volumes. No action taken.

Sautter moved to sign a letter of support for the City of Alliance Federal Opportunity Zone designation, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to sign the Grant County VSO Interlocal Agreement 2026-11, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to sign the Grant County Jail Interlocal Agreement 2026-12, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to sign the Grant County Highway Superintendent Supervision Interlocal Agreement 2026-13, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:27 p.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

Mrs. R. Blum
County Clerk

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