

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., May 6, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published April 22, 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, May 5, 2026. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. Deputy County Attorney Terry Curtiss was 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 approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Agenda – May 6, 2026; Minutes – April 22, 2026; Payroll/Claims/Invoices: AFLAC 2456.35; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 89240.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 228.33; FNBO 57208.60; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 212.38; MASA 253.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 30239.65; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 8135.76; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 764.42 **NET PAYROLL: 186285.53**; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Extension; Correspondence.

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

No public comment on the agenda items (9:07 a.m. – 9:18 a.m.).

Sautter moved to approve the amendments to the Prairie Dog Management Plan, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:18 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 378 & 379 accelerating 2026 taxes for Property IDs 070227381 & 070221251, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:25 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2026-06 denying the road vacation request of CR 62, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to adopt Resolution 2026-07 approving the road vacation request of the identified portion of Wayne Rd with the right-of-way being returned to the adjacent property owners, one half on each side thereof, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept the RFP submitted by Alliance Tractor for the 2027 tractor lease, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the signature of the title on the 2001 Chevy pickup to be sold on Purple Wave, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to surplus all property identified in the provided lists with the exception of the Maintenance snow blower to be sold on Purple Wave, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

JD Cox, City of Alliance City Manager, introduced himself to the Commissioners and discussed potential future projects. No action taken.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:50 a.m. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 10:56 a.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to approve the Jail Management Guardian RFID Software Agreement 2026-14, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ryan Dannar discussed law enforcement center upgrades including RFID door locks and security cameras. No action taken.

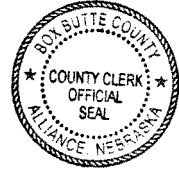
Sheriff Dannar presented estimates for patrol upfitting for the next Durango. No action taken.

Sautter moved to proclaim May 2026 Mental Health Month, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Contryman Associates, PC, submitted the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Burke moved to accept the audit, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve signing the Nebraska Department Water, Energy, and Environment (DWEE) Tier 1 Pre-Investigative Assessment Work Plan Form with consultant Panhandle Geotechnical & Environmental, Inc., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

M. J. R. Beto
County Clerk 5-20-26