

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 8:00 a.m., June 17, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published June 3, 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, June 16, 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.

Burke moved to remove the agenda from the consent calendar, seconded by Sautter. 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: Minutes – June 3, 2026; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Sheriff and Zoning; Correspondence.

Sautter moved to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Alliance Police Department Communications Enhancement Project MOU Agreement 2026-19, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Public comment on the agenda items (8:06 a.m. – 8:19 a.m.). Adam Bolek, 6251 Sarpy Rd, Alliance, NE 69301 – supportive of a firework ban. Lora Herian, 1204 Meadowlark Ave, Alliance, NE 69301 – submitted an email in support of a firework ban.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2026-08 transferring \$1,204.51 to the Veteran's Aid Fund (1900). This transfer is for 8,030.1 miles @ \$.15 per mile driven June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to deny the H & H Sanitation (\$36.90) claim from the May 20, 2026 meeting, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:20 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Assessor Michelle Robinson presented Board Notices for properties identified to be over/under valued. Burke moved to approve the Board Notices for Property IDs 070233918, 070032521, 070097631, 070221006, and 070000654 seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to table the remaining Board Notices for Property IDs 070196990, 070208239, 070218013, 070248354, 070100136, 070130531, 070076081, 070076103, 070076138, 070083312, 070075816, 070082383, 070082472, 070112002, 070210136, 070252386, 070073120, 070095582, 070200939, 070240493, 070073945, 070075611, 070047561, 070073775, 070084386, 070079633, 070054169, 070223955, 070046891, 070099251, 070075115, 070106649, and 070214468, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to extend the original offer to Cheema Investments/Money Express with an acceptance deadline by the end of business on June 18, 2026, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Senior Services, Inc presented by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:58 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the budget amendment hearing at 9:00 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The purpose of the budget hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the Box Butte County taxpayers on the proposed amendment to the budget. The FY2025-2026 budget was available, along with the proposed amendment.

Road Office Manager Karna Hansen provided a road and equipment report.

Burke moved to approve the Hemingford Water Agreement 2026-18, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer Bell notified the Commissioners of the closure of the following bank accounts, in addition to the one previously closed on May 20, 2026 (denoted by *): Sandhills State Bank Checking, Sandhills State Bank Money Market, Wells Fargo E-911, First National Bank Money Market, and *First National Bank CD. No action taken.

Burke moved to deny the CashVest contract at this time, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

With no public comment, Burke moved to close the budget amendment hearing at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to adopt the budget amendment as presented for the Hospital Budget inclusion of state directed payments, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Revised RFPs from Ayers and Marvin Planning Consultants were submitted for the Zoning Regulations update. Sautter moved to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the RFP from Ayers not to exceed \$21,500.00, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to enter into executive session at 9:44 a.m., for pending litigation seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Attorney M. Curtiss, Deputy County Attorney T. Curtiss, Commissioners Burke, Ditsch, and Sautter were present. Burke moved to close executive session for pending litigation at 9:57 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No action taken.

Burke moved to authorize filing litigation to determine the status of CR62 South of Wayne Rd, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to designate State Print Shop/Pitney Bowes for the LB644 postcard printing company if needed, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dannar provided a patrol vehicle analysis, as well as a potential purchasing option. No action taken.

Chairman Burke recessed at 10:46 a.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 11:27 a.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

Burke moved to adopt the Box Butte County Firework Ban Resolution 2026-09, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:46 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


7-1-26

BOX BUTTE COUNTY CLAIMS

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOX BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 17, 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; A ELLIOTT LAW PC LLO 8156.75 - EX; ACTION COMMUNICATIONS, INC 757.95 -EX; ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE 5108.20 - EX; ALLIANCE GROCERY KART 803.19 - EX; ALLIANCE MOTORS UNLIMITED 3060.76 - EX; ALLIANCE POSTMASTER 1973.60 - SU; ALLIANCE TIMES HERALD 655.16 - EX; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS,LLC 2527.33 - UT; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC 3082.19 - EX; AT&T MOBILITY 259.20 - UT; BADEN SHELMAINE 99.25 – RE, SU; BATES-GOULD,INC 1800.00 - EX; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 1125.58 - UT; BLOEDORN LUMBER 71.55 - SU; BOB BARKER CO INC 306.77 - EX; BOX BUTTE COUNTY CLERK 150.00 - EX; BOX BUTTE COUNTY COURT 326.00 - EX; BOX BUTTE COUNTY EXTENSION 3276.74 - EX; BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF 544.01 – RE, PETTY CASH; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 201204.51 – INTERFUND TRANSFERS; BOX BUTTE DEVELOPMENT CORP 11250.00 - EX; BRETT LAUDER 7083.45 -EX; CARTER'S HOME HARDWARE & APPLIANCE 32.96 - SU; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 4176.44 - EX; CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS 2886.52 - EX; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 724.65 - EX; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS/CLERK 62.35 - EX; CENTURY LINK 34.84 - UT; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 268.58 - UT; CITY OF ALLIANCE 4586.46 - UT; CLAY JEPSEN 14621.00 - EX; CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT 330.00 - EX; CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY, & WATSON 120.00 - EX; CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY 299.90 - EX; DOCU-SHRED LLC 35.00 - EX; GALLS 2533.88 - EX; GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES 657.38 - SU; H & H SANITATION & RECYCLING, INC. 73.50 - EX; HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY 794.70 - EX; HOWARD E JENSEN 1325.00 - EX; IDEAL LINEN/BLUFFS 818.91 - SU; JORDAN RENEE HOOPER 40.00 - EL; JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS 3400.00 - EX; KATHY R THOMPSON 40.00 - EL; KEEP ALLIANCE BEAUTIFUL 5000.00 - EX; KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY 2247.51 - EX; LORI RODRIQUEZ-FLETCHER 800.00 - EX; LYNN PEAVY COMPANY 117.25 - EX; MADELUNG LAW OFFICE PC, LLO 110.00 - EX; MARTIE BURKE 125.00 – RE, EX; MAXIM DEFENSE INDUSTRIES, LLC 19117.19 - EX; MCKESSON MEDICAL - SURGICAL 134.36 - EX; MENARDS 2591.96 - SU; MICHAEL A JOHNSON 3000.00 - EX; MICHAEL SCOTT STANKO 457.20 - EX; MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES,INC. 1770.25 - EX; MJLC LLC 1313.00 -RT; MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY 460.00 – EX; MORGAN WIMMER 40.00 - EL; MSC-410526,DOLLAR GENERAL 23.80 - SU; MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING 12233.58 - EX; NANCY JO FLORES 480.00 - EX; NCRAAO '26 350.00 - EX; NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER 160.00 - EX; NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF CO OFFICIALS 2659.28 - EX; NEBRASKA COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOC 1650.00 - EX; NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE INC 3194.73 - SU; NEBRASKA.GOV 64.00 - EX; NIRMA 168455.00 - EX; NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICES INC 9455.00 - EX; NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW FIRM, PC 9128.40 - EX; P1 SERVICE, LLC 1858.00 - EX; PANHANDLE TREE SERVICE 300.00 - EX; PAULA JEAN RHODES 730.00 - EX; PIPE WORKS PLUMBING, LLC 5712.00 - EX; PLOOSTER WATER INC 179.80 - EX; POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OF NE 35.00 - EX; PRESSURE PALACE 42.50 - EX; QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC. 1000.00 - EX; QUILL CORPORATION 3658.75 - SU; REGION I BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTH 12513.25 - EX; RICHARD LAURSEN 60.00 - EX; ROSA PANCOST 40.00 - EL; RYAN DANNAR 4964.19 – RE, SU; SARAH FOLAND 18.14 – RE, SU; SCOTT M BOSSE 1500.00 - EX; SCOTTSBLUFF CORPORATE 422.47 - SU; SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY DETENTION 200.00 - EX; SECRETARY OF STATE 40.00 - EX; SENIOR SERVICES, INC. 52.00 - EX; SPEARTAC SOLUTIONS,LLC 1736.15 - EX; STEVE BURKE 372.65 – RE, ML; TELECOM WEST INC. 79.95 - UT; TRAVIS O'GORMAN 630.23 – RE, SU; UG LEE INC. 919.91 - EX; UNL IANR FINANCE & PERSONEL 8407.99 - EX; VALERY BELL 452.40 – RE, ME, ML; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY 3505.01 - EX; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ADAM BOLEK 183.48 - EX; ALLIANCE MOTORS UNLIMITED INC 522.34 - EX; ALLIANCE TRACTOR & IMPLEMENT CO. 2475.00 - EX; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS,LLC 174.41 - UT; AUTO VALUE ALLIANCE 12.99 - EX; BARBARA KEEGAN 114.11 – RE, EX; BERNIE'S SUPPLY & HARDWARE 15.98 - SU; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 414.20 - UT; BLOEDORN LUMBER 75.00 - SU; BOMGAARS 161.37 - SU; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 8775.38 – INTERFUND TRANSFER; CITY OF ALLIANCE 289.64 – UT; HEMINGFORD CO-OPERATIVE TEL.CO. 43.26 - UT; HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO. 253.25 - EX; INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO 1658.99 - EX; JEBRO INC 156160.80 - EX; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL 88.88 - EX; KAISER CONCESSIONS DANIEL & RASHELL 625.00 - EX; KOKE'S AUTO FARM

TRUCK, INC. 2332.08 - EX; LEGACY COOPERATIVE 18657.45 - EX; MCCUNE AUTO PARTS, INC 1091.08 - EX; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC 185.00 - EX; MHC TRUCK LEASING, LLC 4670.25 - EX; MICHAEL P. RODRIGUEZ 1200.00 - EX; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO INC 532.60 - EX; NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS 106.61 - SU; NMC GROUP 135869.40 - EX; POMPS TIRE SERVICE INC 5954.52 - EX; PREMA 82.20 - UT; PT HOSE AND BEARING 48.56 - EX; REGION I OHD 31.14 - EX; SIMON MATERIALS 3118.48 - EX; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY 10693.26 - EX; **PRESERVATION MODERIZATION FUND:** MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING 141.10 - EX; **HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FUND:** BOX BUTTE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE 77379.43 – EX; **GRAND TOTAL:** 1,020,564.40.