

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 11:00 a.m., August 24, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 12, 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, August 21, 2026. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present. Martie Burke, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. 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 accept the agenda, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

No public comment on the agenda items (11:06 a.m. – 11:17 a.m.).

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson met with Commissioners Burke, Sautter, and Ditsch, Elected and appointed officials: Sheriff Ryan Dannar, Sheriff Administrator Melissa Galles, Road Superintendent Barb Keegan, Associate Extension Educator Melissa Mracek, Extension Office Manager Katie Carter, Veteran Service Officer Sarah Foland, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Molly Ridgeway, County Attorney Marissa Curtiss, County Treasurer Valery Bell, Weed Superintendent Brett Lauder, and County Clerk Burke. The Board and Budget Consultant discussed expenditure requests from each office and fund account along with revenue estimates for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

The budget hearings have been scheduled for September 23, 2026 with the Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request at 1:30 p.m. and the Budget Hearing at 1:45 p.m.

Burke moved to increase the Sheriff’s petty cash fund to \$3,000.00, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2026-11: Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Resolution 2026-12: Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Chairperson

Attest: 
County Clerk


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