

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 8:02 a.m., September 2, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published August 19, 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, September 1, 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 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.

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 – September 2, 2026; Minutes – August 19, 2026 & August 24, 2026; Payroll/Claims/Invoices: AFLAC 2,456.35; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 92,198.00; CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. 437.54; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 232.20; FNBO 54,680.19; LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE 215.68; MED. AIR SERVICE ASSOC. - B2B 253.00; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 29,088.87; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 7,724.86; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 815.57 **NET PAYROLL:** 180798.38; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and VSO; Correspondence.

No public comment on the agenda items (8:05 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.).

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

Ditsch moved to accept and sign the office inventory property statements as required by § 23-347, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:27 a.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for VSL Alliance Assisted Living LLC submitted by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 8:29 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 approve the application for Nebraska Federal Surplus Property, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept the carpet repair quote from Morford’s Decorating Center Inc. in the amount of \$2,900.00 to be paid out of the general fund, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve Tim Wangler as a salaried Chief Corrections Officer in the amount of \$55,000.00/year effective October 1, 2026, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to approve the Sheriff’s office rehire pending a successful Peace Act appeal, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, no. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to table the Sheriff uniform allowance request until the matter can be further researched, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

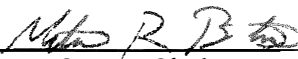
Sautter moved to accept the Equitable \$25,000.00 Life/AD&D coverage plan, to include the option to add dependent life, effective October 1, 2026 and to discontinue the current Lincoln National \$5,000.00 life insurance policy effective September 30, 2026, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to increase the health insurance premium share for employees with one additional dependent to \$143.00/month and two or more dependents to \$347.00/month effective January 1, 2027 to follow medical inflation, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:06 a.m.


Chairperson

Attest:


County Clerk



9-23-26