

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 1:30 p.m., September 23, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 9, 2026. Notice of final tax request, budget hearing, and budget summary were published on September 16, 2026, all in the Alliance Times Herald. Affidavits of publication have been received in the office of the County Clerk. Agenda was emailed and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecountyne.gov, September 22, 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, Chairperson Burke acknowledged that this meeting will follow the open meeting act posted on the North wall of the County Board Room. Sautter moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the final tax request hearing at 1:31 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Three copies of the proposed budget were available for public view. The budget workshop was held August 24, 2026 with Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson present. Department heads and elected officials gave input regarding the 2026-2027 budget. The purpose of the final tax request hearing is to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of the Box Butte County taxpayers. With no public comment offered, Burke moved to close the final tax request hearing at 1:46 p.m., seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open the budget hearing and budget summary at 1:46 p.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 budget. The 2025-2026 budget was available, along with three copies of the proposed 2026-2027 budget and the aggregate page that provides an overview of the whole budget in comparison to the previous year's budget. With no public comment, Burke moved to close the final tax requesting hearing at 2:02 p.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

The Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session at 2:02 p.m., September 23, 2026, in the Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Ste 202, Alliance, NE, immediately following the final tax request hearing, budget hearing, and budget summary. Roll call: Brett Ditsch, present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13 Setting the Property Tax Request 2026-2027, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to reconsider approving the agenda, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to amend the agenda to change the fiscal year on *Adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Resolution 2026-14* to 2026-2027, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2026-14 Box Butte County Budget Document Resolution of Adoption and Appropriations, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. The Consent Calendar included the following items: Minutes – September 2, 2026; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Extension, Sheriff, and Zoning; Correspondence.

Sautter moved to approve claims as presented, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and upcoming meetings. No action taken.

No public comment on the agenda items (2:23 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Burke moved to approve Resolutions 2026-15 through 2026-18 for the stop sign removal at the identified locations, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve Resolutions 2026-19 and 2026-20 for the yield sign removal at the identified locations, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to reappoint Barbara Straub and appoint Mark Placek to the Box Butte General Hospital Board of Trustees for six-year terms, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Valery Bell presented the 2025 Tax Remaining Reports: Real & Personal, All Collections Records for the Board to review. No action taken.

Chairman Burke recessed at 3:28 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:32 p.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

Ditsch moved to waive the bidding requirement under the County Purchasing Act due to the emergency nature of an immediate threat potentially resulting in the loss of property, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to allow Twin City Roofing & Sheet Metal to replace the Slagle roof with the stipulation that any additional costs incurred beyond the initial quote will need prior approval from the Commissioners, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

VSO Sarah Foland presented two quotes for repairs to the Slagle lift, as well as information regarding the conditions of the Slagle parking lot. This information will be reviewed by the Commissioners and discussed at a later date.

Burke moved to table the Credit Card Policy until the matter is placed back on the agenda, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to allow the Chairman to sign the DWEE Tier 1 Investigation Form Statement of Completion, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke recessed at 4:19 p.m. to conduct a quarterly jail visit §47-109. Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 4:47 p.m., with roll call: Brett Ditsch present; Mike Sautter, present; Steve Burke, present.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest:

M. R. Burke

County Clerk 10-7-26



BOX BUTTE COUNTY CLAIMS

THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOX BUTTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON SEPTEMBER 23, 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 ELLIOTT LAW PC LLO 8766.75 - EX; ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE 4072.98 - EX; ALLIANCE GROCERY KART 740.94 - EX; ALLIANCE MOTORS UNLIMITED 252.00 - EX; ALLIANCE POSTMASTER 279.60 - SU; ALLIANCE TIMES HERALD 1954.00 - EX; ALLO COMMUNICATIONS,LLC 2542.63 - UT; AMY JENSEN 105.52 – RE, ME, SU; APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES LLC 5135.81 -EX; AT&T MOBILITY 638.98 - UT; AT&T MOBILITY-CC 497.15 - UT; AVIATOR GEAR 669.95 - EX; BATES-GOULD,INC 380.00 - EX; BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS,LLC 41.85 - EX; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 536.18 - UT; BOMGAARS 29.90 - SU; BOX BUTTE COUNTY CLERK 35.00 - EX; BOX BUTTE COUNTY COURT 812.00 - EX; BOX BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF 1138.46 – PETTY CASH; BOX BUTTE GENERAL HOSPITAL 1111.40 - EX; BRANDT SMITH 37.48 - EX; BRETT LAUDER 5276.25 - EX; CADE M CANNON, DDS 1106.00 - EX; CARTER'S HOME HARDWARE & APPLIANCE 16.98 - SU; CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING 5646.14 - SU; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS 760.90 - EX; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS/CLERK 36.94 - EX; CENTURY LINK 34.99 - UT; CHARM-TEX, INC 131.06 - EX; CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 226.41 - UT; CITY OF ALLIANCE 8228.43 - UT; CITY OF ALLIANCE/SLAGLE BLDG 508.11 - UT; CLAY JEPSEN 400.00 - EX; CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT 428.00 - EX; CRITES,SHAFFER,CONNEALY, & WATSON 2378.99 - EX; CURTISS,MORAVEK,& CURTISS, PC LLO 128.84 - EX; DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANCE 1208.00 - EX; DIAMOND DRUGS, INC 292.04 - EX; DOCU-SHRED LLC 17.50 - EX; DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 68.37 - EX; ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE,INC 165.00 - EX; EMILY WOOD 790.00 - EX; H & H SANITATION & RECYCLING, INC. 73.50 - EX; HOLIDAY INN KEARNEY 1759.35 - EX; HOWARD E JENSEN 1060.00 - EX; IDEAL LINEN/BLUFFS 1017.41 - SU; JADEN DVORAK 179.80 – RE, SU; JARED HUNT 185.00 - EX; JOCK H. FARIS 190.00 - EX; KEVIN HORN 43.28 – RE. SU; LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S 85.15 - EX; LAW OFFICE OF ASHLEY K SPAHN, LLC 3806.60 - EX; LEGAL & LIABILITY RISK MGMT INSTITU 150.00 - EX; LYNN PEAVY COMPANY 138.75 - EX; MCCUNE AUTO PARTS, INC 5.20 - EX; MENARDS 40.51 - SU; MICHAEL A JOHNSON 1500.00 - EX; MICHELLE ROBINSON 456.71 – RE, ME, ML; MIDWEST CONNECT 298.00 - EX; MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES,INC. 1186.90 - EX; MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY 18404.93 - EX; MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING 27849.29 - EX; NANCY JO FLORES 480.00 - EX; NE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER 400.00 - EX; NEBRASKA TOTAL OFFICE INC 485.98 - SU; NEBRASKA.GOV 15.00 - EX; NMS LABS, INC 251.00 - EX; NORTHEAST NE JUVENILE SERVICES INC 10571.00 - EX; NOSSAMAN PETITT LAW FIRM, PC 11118.48 - EX; P1 SERVICE, LLC 1932.00 - EX; PANHANDLE TREE SERVICE 2500.00 - EX; PAULA JEAN RHODES 9980.00 - EX; PIPE WORKS PLUMBING, LLC 5300.00 - EX; PLOOSTER WATER INC 206.25 - EX; QUILL CORPORATION 496.45 - SU; RAPID FIRE PROTECTION 644.95 - EX; RICHARD LAURSEN 40.00 - SU; RR DONNELLEY 76.20 - EX; RYAN DANNAR 277.86 – RE. SU; SARAH FOLAND 174.35 – RE. ME, ML; SCOTTSBLUFF CORPORATE 422.47 - SU; SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY DETENTION 3100.00 - EX; SCOTTSBLUFF COUNTY SHERIFF 57.52 - EX; SLEEP INN GRAND ISLAND 481.50 - EX; SMITH,KING,SIMMONS PC 1127.80 - EX; SORENSEN IRRIGATION LLC 250.00 - EX; STEPH'S STUDIO INC. 19.44 - EX; STOCKMEN'S DRUG 61.00 - EX; STRODE FORENSICS 1346.00 - EX; TIFFANY ELKINS 422.25 – RE, ME, ML; TRIANGLE ELECTRIC INC. 167.56 - EX; UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN EXTENSION 261.24 - EX; VERITEXT, LLC 1057.88 - EX; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY 3498.47 - EX; WESTERN NEBRAKSA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 30.00 - EX; **ROAD/BRIDGE FUND:** ALLO COMMUNICATIONS,LLC 174.66 - UT; BARBARA KEEGAN 95.12 – RE, SU; BERNIE'S SUPPLY & HARDWARE 27.76 - SU; BLACK HILLS ENERGY 110.12 - UT; BLOEDORN LUMBER 47.52 - SU; BOMGAARS 36.55 - SU; BOX BUTTE GENERAL HOSPITAL 213.00 - EX; CITY OF ALLIANCE 245.57 - UT; HEMINGFORD CO-OPERATIVE TEL.CO. 43.37 - UT; HEMINGFORD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES 164.60 - UT; HOTSY EQUIPMENT CO. 252.80 - EX; JEBRO INC 18655.15 - EX; KAISER CONCESSIONS DANIEL & RASHELL 119.00 - EX; KOKE'S AUTO FARM TRUCK, INC. 1756.26 - EX; LEGACY COOPERATIVE 25011.65 - EX; LORE'S COLLISION & REFINISHING LLC 490.05 – EX; M.C. SCHAFF & ASSOCIATES INC 5400.00 - EX; MCCUNE AUTO PARTS, INC 1756.08 - EX; MEDICAL ENTERPRISES, INC 113.00 - EX; MHC TRUCK LEASING, LLC 4799.42 - EX; MICHAEL P. RODRIGUEZ 150.00 - EX; MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO

INC 6078.88 - EX; NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF CO OFFICIALS 165.00 - EX; NMC GROUP 7274.84 - EX; PREMA 82.85 - UT; PT HOSE AND BEARING 198.57 - EX; SCOTT E WILKINS 2187.30 - EX; STA-BILT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY 81073.92 - EX; UG LEE INC. 11112.67 - EX; WESTERN COOPERATIVE COMPANY 9081.33 - EX; **PRESERVATION MODERNIZATION FUND:** MULTICOUNTY INFORMATION PROGRAMMING 145.33 - EX; **HEALTH INSURANCE FUND:** BOX BUTTE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE 109239.03 - EX; **GRAND TOTAL:** 459611.96.