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., October 7, 2026, following an opening prayer. Notice of meeting was published September 30, 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, October 6, 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 – October 7, 2026; Minutes – September 23, 2026; Payroll/Claims (Ratified): AFLAC 2456.35; BOX BUTTE COUNTY TREASURER 90760.00; EQUITABLE FINANCIAL LIFE INSURANCE 570.83; FNBO 60752.00; MED. AIR SERVICE ASSOC. - B2B 265.50; NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER 895.00; RETIREMENT PLANS DIVISION/AMERITAS 31638.71; STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE 8679.61; VISION SERVICE PLAN (IC) 805.88 **NET PAYROLL:** 200965.48; Elected Officials and Office Reports – Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Zoning; Correspondence.

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

No public comment on the agenda items (9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.).

The substantial elevator completion of the Courthouse elevator has previously been signed off . No action taken.

Ditsch moved to approve the Niobrara Valley Vineyards LLC SDL request for the December 7, 2026 event at the West Side Event Center, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Sautter moved to adopt Resolution 2026-22 fiscal year 2026-2027 levies, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to sign correction book No. 383 and 384, accelerating property taxes for Property ID's 070186103 and 070196400, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Ditsch moved to accept the Application for Exemption Form 457 for Farm Credit Services of America FLCA submitted by Treasurer Valery Bell, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:19 a.m., seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Sautter moved to accept Assessor Robinson's resignation effective December 31, 2026, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report.

Sautter moved to ratify the Slagle roof upgrade to include a new EPDM membrane for an additional $21,198.00 and total project cost of $62,798.00, seconded by Burke. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Operation Green Light (November 4th-11th, 2026) proclamation, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Region 1 Coordinator, Brandy Brunz, provided an overview of services offered. No action taken.

Sautter moved to approve the MOU with Scotts Bluff County Detention Center Agreement 2026-21, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table the Sheriff credit card policy until the October 21, 2026 meeting, seconded by Ditsch. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Ditsch moved to accept the Pipe Works Plumbing Estimate 16992 for a dishwasher replacement in the amount of $1,225.00, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to approve the Maximus certificate of cost allocation plan, seconded by Sautter. Ditsch, yes; Sautter, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Bell presented preliminary information regarding the County Appreciation Dinner. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY ★ COUNTY CLERK OFFICIAL SEAL ★ ALLIANCE NEBRASKA

Steve Burke
Chairperson

Attest: Martie R Burke
County Clerk

10-21-26