

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., February 22, 2022, in the County Board Room, second floor of the County Courthouse, 515 Box Butte Ave., Alliance, NE. Notice of meeting was published in Alliance Times Herald, February 9, 2022. Agenda was emailed on February 18, 2022, to board members and posted on the county's website: boxbuttecounty.us

Following an opening prayer, Chairperson Burke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call: Mike McGinnis, and Steve Burke present. Motion from Burke to excuse Commissioner Patricia Johnston, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Commissioner Johnston listening on the telephone. 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. McGinnis moved, seconded by Burke to accept the agenda as printed. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. McGinnis moved to accept the February 2, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to accept and sign County Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner monthly report, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported on meetings they had recently attended and Commissioner Johnston provided her board reports via telephone.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:15 a.m., seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. McGinnis moved to deny Apostolics of Alliance exemption application form 451 agreeing with County Assessor Robinson's recommendation to deny the application, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve East Point Horspice exemption application form 451 as County Assessor Robinson approved, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve Chadron Community Hospital Corporation exemption application form 451 as approved by County Assessor Robinson, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska, Inc., exemption application form 451, seconded by Burke, as approved by County Assessor Robinson. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Kathlyn Siegler, 340 E 14th Street, Alliance, NE had requested to be on the agenda during Board of Equalization to discuss the Apostolics of Alliance exemption application form 451. Ms. Siegler provided pictures and information that she felt should show why the Apostolics of Alliance has requested the exemption. Ms. Siegler stated that this property had been tax exempt in 2010, and that the Assessor had determined to not allow the exemption in 2018. Burke moved to reconsider the Apostolics of Alliance exemption application 451, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Motion from Burke to approve Apostolics of Alliance exemption application form 451 with new information presented at the meeting, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

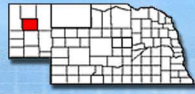
Board of Equalization agenda item regarding TERC (Rosewood Estates) was discussed with no action taken.

At 9:34 a.m., McGinnis moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

MC Schaff representative Don Dye opened bids at 9:35 a.m., that had been received in the office of the County Clerk prior to the advertised deadline of 3:30 p.m., February 17, 2022. Two bids had been received.

1. Werner Construction, Inc., Hastings, NE \$3,856,170.04 completion date May 31, 2023, attempt to complete in 2022.
2. Simon Contractors, North Platte, NE. \$4,242,000.00 completion date September 1, 2022.

Mr. Dye stated that WERNER had the low bid and informed the Board that costs were 10% over engineer's estimates. Also discussed was the extra layer of fabric for water protections at an additional cost of \$566,000. The Board has 60



days to accept a bid, as an agenda item for the March 21, 2022 meeting. Bonding for the project will be an agenda item for the March 2, 2022 board meeting.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report. Murphy Tractor representative Travis Fix provided order and delivery dates for John Deere Motor Graders that are available on the state bids. After discussion, McGinnis moved to order the 772G 6WD all wheel drive with premium circle at a cost of \$315,223.00. The County will pay entire invoice with \$260,000.00 out of the ARPA fund and the remainder out of Inheritance fund with that amount to be repaid to the Inheritance fund from the road fund. This will be a 2023 machine with an October build date, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Tabled from the February 2, 2022 meeting was the only aggregate crushing bid submitted from KL Wood Co LLC. McGinnis moved to accept KL Wood Co LLC bid, limiting to 10,000 tons at \$8.00 per ton, with invoice to be submitted by June 15, 2022 for the current fiscal year, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With two bids received, Burke moved to award NSG Logistics, LLC, the chip stone hauling bid at \$18.95 per ton, with an extension of \$31,267.50, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

With two bids received, McGinnis moved to award Topkote Inc., the armor coat application bid at \$0.398 per square with an extension of \$50,112.18, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Building and Grounds employee, Lori White provided updates, stating the Slagle window replacement had been completed. Ms. White will contact Anita Allen to inquire about the window treatments that had been installed in the courthouse following renovation. Battery backups and standby generator for the courthouse was discussed. Ms. White will contact Triangle Electric and Jaybird Electric to provide input for electrical load. Chairman Burke will contact Aaron Wood regarding the need to replace the square of cement in front of the courthouse that cracked immediately after installation.

ARPA Committee provided to the Board suggestions that had been received during the last committee meeting. McGinnis moved to allow \$6,300.00 for the combined dispatch remodel at the county jail and \$400.00 for a projector & screen at the Extension Office, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried. County Clerk Messersmith withdrew her request for \$3,000.00 of election equipment to be used for early voting due to the elevator not operating, as the Nebraska Secretary of State will provide ADA equipment for early voting. The next ARPA Committee meeting will be Friday, February 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign Amendment No.1 To Telecommunications Sharing Agreement No. TS-11-0236, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign four vehicle titles over to Purple Wave for the internet auction and to sign a hail damaged vehicle title over to NIRMA, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to approve Commissioner Johnston's conflict claim in the amount of \$200.00 for a NACO web event, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to table Chairman Burke's conflict claim until the Board had a quorum for approval, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Burke moved to table a \$200,000.00 invoice the City of Alliance had sent to the clerk's office for a Motorola console, to the March 21, 2022 meeting, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.



Burke moved to approve and sign claims, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke called recess at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Burke resumed the meeting at 1:30 p.m., with roll call: Mike McGinnis and Steve Burke present, with Commissioner Johnston listening on the telephone.

At 1:30 p.m., Burke moved to open the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing, seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Those attending the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing were Road Superintendent Keegan, Commissioners McGinnis and Burke, and County Clerk Messersmith. Road Superintendent Keegan provided legal publications for the hearing and proposed projects and projects that had been completed. Commissioners and Road Superintendent Keegan discussed possible project and costs during the hearing. With no members of the public present to speak, Burke closed the 1 & 6 year road plan hearing at 2:17 p.m., seconded by McGinnis. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved to sign Resolution 2022-02, approving the 1 & 6 year road improvement program for Box Butte County, seconded by Burke. McGinnis, yes; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Attest: _____

Chairperson

County Clerk