

Box Butte County Commissioners met in regular session 9:00 a.m., April 6, 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, March 23, 2022. Agenda was emailed on March 5, 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: Patricia Johnston, and Steve Burke present. Judy Messersmith, County Clerk, recorded the proceedings of the meeting. County Attorney Terry Curtiss in attendance. Burke moved to excuse Mike McGinnis from the meeting, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. 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. Burke moved, seconded by Johnston to accept the agenda as printed. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. No public comment on agenda items. Burke moved to accept the March 21, 2022, minutes as written, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to accept and sign Clerk of District Court and County Clerk/Election Commissioner/Register of Deeds monthly reports, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Correspondence was acknowledged and available for public view. Commissioners reported that there had been no committee meetings to attend.

Burke moved to approve and sign monthly payroll and payroll claims, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke yes. Motion carried. **GENERAL:** Net Payroll 123,507.58; AFLAC 2,541.42; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 494.96; Bank of the West 39,699.92; Box Butte County Treasurer 90,348.00; Credit Management Services, Inc 523.21; Family Support Registry 25.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 214.12; MASA Global Building 114.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 23,549.73; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 5,395.90; Independent Eye Care Professionals 26.92. **ROAD:** Net Payroll 38,562.35; AFLAC 237.90; Ameritas Life Insurance Corp 198.28; Bank of the West 7,619.04; Box Butte County Treasurer 1,988.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance 4.76; MASA Global Building 37.50; NE Child Support Payment Center 1,517.00; Retirement Plans Division/Ameritas 2,437.19; State of Nebraska Dept of Revenue 1,683.10.

Piper Sandler & Co. Senior Vice President Brad Slaughter was present to answer questions on the bond proposal he had provided. Johnston moved to accept the proposal Piper Sandler & Co. had submitted, allowing Chairman Burke to sign Resolution 2022-03, authorizing the issuance of highway allocation fund pledge bonds, series 2022, of the County of Box Butte, in the State of Nebraska, in the principal amount of not to exceed three million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000), issued for the purpose of making certain road improvements within the county; prescribing the form of said bonds; authorizing officers to determine final terms of said bonds within specified parameters; providing for the levy and collection of taxes to pay the same; authorizing the delivery of the bonds to the purchaser; authorizing officers of the county to enter into a contract for the sale of the bonds; providing for a paying agent and registrar for the bonds; approving post-issuance tax compliance policies and providing for the disposition of the bond proceeds, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Setting an amortization schedule will be an agenda item for the April 18, 2022 board meeting.

Burke moved to open BOARD OF EQUALIZATION at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Burke moved to approve Indian Mission Church of God application for exemption form 457, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. Johnston moved allowing Chairman Burke to sign the correction book, correcting five mobile home accelerations, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried. At 9:35 a.m., Burke moved to close BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, seconded by Johnston. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent Barb Keegan provided a road and equipment report along with a salary study she had prepared. Johnston moved to allow road employees with a CDL (commercial drivers license) to start at \$20.00 per hour with 4 steps in 2 years reaching \$23.96 per hour. Motion died for lack of second. Following discussion with Road Superintendent Keegan and with her preference, Johnston moved to set starting salary for non-CDL employees at \$16.00 with 4 steps in 2



years reaching \$21.10 per hour, with existing employees to be raised to the same scale, effective next pay period, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Attorney Sterling T. Huff on behalf of Renkoski Property Development, LLC and Cody Renkoski had submitted a “Claim For Breach Of Contract”. County Attorney Terry Curtiss reported the county had been notified that Mr. Renkoski had not met the required hours of continuing education as a county weed control superintendent. County Attorney Curtiss’ position is that the county is not in breach of contract and does not agree with Mr. Huff’s analysis. Johnston moved to reject the claim Mr. Huff had submitted on behalf of Renkoski Property Development, LLC and Cody Renkoski, seconded by Burke. Johnston, yes; McGinnis, absent; Burke, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Burke requested that Cody Renkoski provide the last three years of spraying records for the county.

Budget Consultant Caleb Johnson was present to discuss legislative updates, discussing with the Board new legislation that will impact the county’s budget and dates that hearings must be set to be in compliance with new legislation. No action taken.

With all agenda items addressed, Chairman Burke adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Attest:

Chairperson

County Clerk