

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Chairman Klein called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members responded to roll call: Timothy Higgins, Ronald Loeffelholz, Daniel Lynch, Bill Maendele, Sherry Morrow and Ivan Klein. Absent: Myron Kouba. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. Public notice of this meeting was published/posted in the Kearney Hub, on the Buffalo County web site, and the bulletin boards located outside the County Clerk's office and County Board Room on February 3, 2022. Chairman Klein announced that in accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and posted at the back of the Board Room. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was present.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to approve the January 25, 2022 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Maendele to ratify the following January 28, 2022 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Maendele, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			294,547.40
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,201.59
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	49,393.75
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	122,505.00
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	E	GARNISHMENT	133.32
EMPOWER RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,125.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	4,877.10
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	101,474.61
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	114.67
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,001.09
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	293.95
ERIN M MCCARTNEY	E	GARNISHMENT	402.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	I	DEFERRED COMP	1,860.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	1,200.00
NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	E	GARNISHMENT	55.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	3,300.34
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	17,136.41
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	869.64
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			54,362.94
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,060.70
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	8,666.58
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,998.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	697.84
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	15,852.90
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	146.34
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	105.51
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	946.21
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	2,341.80
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	236.65
<u>WEED FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			5,061.03
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	800.66
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	268.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	40.84
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,623.80

MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.55
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	61.00
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	254.12

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to accept the Clerk of the District Court January 2022 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Lynch, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Maendele to accept the UNL Extension 2021 Annual Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Maendele, Higgins, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

After discussion and review of the County Sheriff's report, it was moved by Higgins and seconded by Lynch to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application filed by the National Audubon Society-Iain Nicolson Audubon Center for an event to be held on April 7, 2022. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Lynch, Loeffelholz, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept the County Treasurer Semi-Annual Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Zoning Administrator Dennise Daniels reviewed the 2021 Annual Planning and Zoning Report. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Morrow to accept the 2021 Annual Zoning and Floodplain Administrator Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Morrow, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Sheriff Neil Miller reviewed the renewal phone contract with GTL. After discussion it was moved by Lynch and seconded by Higgins to approve a one year renewal of Global Tel Link Corporation (GTL) phone contract for the inmate phone and messaging system. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Chairman Klein reviewed the following correspondence. Lincoln County Board of Commissioners sent a thank you letter for the load of display cases. Jacobsen Orr sent a letter on behalf of Kappa Ethanol Holdings, LLC to advise that the claim concerning the payment of the final year of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) has been resolved and to withdraw the claim and letter relating to the TIF matter from August 16, 2021. The City of Kearney sent the Planning Commission Agenda for February 18, 2022 meeting. Chairman Klein called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Chairman Klein opened the public hearing at 9:17 A.M. for new applications for a retail liquor license (Class D License) and a manager's application by Shorty Wendell Ventures LLC DBA Foote's Oasis located at 2550 Lowell Road, Gibbon, Nebraska. Chairman Klein closed the public hearing at 9:18 A.M. After review of the County Sheriff's office report, it was moved by Higgins and seconded by Lynch to approve the request for a Class D Liquor License and manager's application. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Lynch, Loeffelholz, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

(Break in meeting at 9:23 A.M.)

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:30 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman Klein called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. Deputy County Assessor Nora Borer and County Treasurer Jean Sidwell were present.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Morrow to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4855 through 4856 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Morrow, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for Evangelical Free Church of Kearney for a 2015 Ford. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska on a 2016 Chrysler Minivan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:34 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Highway Superintendent John Maul was present for the following agenda items.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Loeffelholz to set a bid date of Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. for Buffalo County 2022 Gravel Bids to be effective from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

After discussion it was moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to authorize the Road Department to work with AuctionTime to sell surplus property. The list of items to be sold is available at the Road Department or the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Morrow to change the weekly hour schedule at the Highway Department from five (5) eight (8) hour days to four (4) ten (10) hour days beginning March 7, 2022 through November 4, 2022 returning to five (5) eight (8) hour days on Monday, November 7, 2022. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Morrow, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Kouba. Motion declared carried.

Chairman Klein called for Citizen's forum and no one was present.

Chairman Klein asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:42 A.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

ATTEST:

Ivan Klein, Chairman
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

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Janice I. Giffin
Buffalo County Clerk