

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Chairman McMullen called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members responded to roll call: Timothy Higgins, Ivan Klein, Ronald Loeffelholz, Sherry Morrow and William McMullen. Absent: Myron Kouba and Dennis Reiter. On October 8, 2020, notice of this meeting was published in the Kearney Hub and posted on the Buffalo County website, the County Clerk's office and the County Board Room. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. Chairman McMullen 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 is posted at the back of the Board Room. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown. Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk was present.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to approve the September 22, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to ratify the following September 25 and October 9, 2020 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Higgins, Loeffelholz and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			272,830.64
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,037.63
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	45,607.30
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	115,972.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUND	4,761.07
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	91,661.20
FLORIDA STATE DISTRIBUTION	E	CHILD SUPPORT	200.00
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	102.67
KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN	E	GARNISH	356.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	586.53
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	I	LT DISABILITY	311.71
MASSMUTUAL FINANCIAL	I	DEFERRED COMP	1,175.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	330.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	1,200.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	2,946.44
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	15,270.53
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	861.29
ROAD FUND			
NET PAYROLL			53,245.00
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	907.19
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	8,323.61
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,670.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUND	652.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	15,777.16
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	163.77
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	120.65
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	342.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	866.70
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	2,338.14
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	211.00
WEED FUND			
NET PAYROLL			4,807.75
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	758.07
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	248.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUND	33.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	1,549.76
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.73
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	41.16

STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	242.22
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OCTOBER 9, 2020

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			261,660.59
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,037.63
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	43,673.20
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	115,068.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	5,105.07
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	87,383.16
FLORIDA STATE DISTRIBUTION	E	CHILD SUPPORT	200.00
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	102.67
KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN	E	GARNISH	402.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	940.42
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	277.52
MASSMUTUAL	I	DEFERRED COMP	1,175.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	I	DEFERRED COMP	330.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	1,200.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	E	DENTAL	2,878.94
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	14,390.80
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	841.91
ROAD FUND			
NET PAYROLL			54,792.81
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	907.19
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	8,536.79
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,815.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	677.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	16,106.96
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	166.56
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	107.68
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	342.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	893.23
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	2,381.23
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	219.30
WEED DEPARTMENT			
NET PAYROLL			4,808.14
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	758.07
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	248.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	33.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	1,549.76
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.34
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	41.16
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	242.22

Chairman McMullen read into the record and presented a Resolution of Commendation to Janice Taubenheim. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Morrow to approve the following Resolution 2020-48. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Morrow, Higgins, Klein and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-48

WHEREAS, Janice Taubenheim began her employment with Buffalo County on September 9, 2003 and

WHEREAS, Janice has now served Buffalo County for over 17 years

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that Janice be commended with a unanimous vote of appreciation for her dedicated and loyal service to Buffalo County for over 17 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity be extended to Janice from this date forward.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to accept the August 2020 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to accept the Clerk of District Court September 2020 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Higgins, Loeffelholz and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to authorize Chairman McMullen to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan dealing with the countywide cost allocation plan prepared by WJE Consulting LLC. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Higgins, Loeffelholz and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to approve the early claim submitted by the County Clerk as listed below. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

ROAD FUND		
STATE OF NE-MOTOR FUELS	FUEL TAX	\$3,540.00

County Sheriff Neil Miller was present to discuss amending the SCALES agreement. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to authorize Buffalo County Board Chairman McMullen to sign on behalf of Buffalo County the amendment to the South Central Area Law Enforcement Services (SCALES) Agreement. This amendment will add the City of Minden to the existing agreement. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to accept the County Treasurer September 2020 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Higgins, Loeffelholz and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen reviewed the following correspondence. The Board received the Dividend Distribution from NIRMA in the amount of \$37,702.00. Two Rivers Public Health District sent an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting for their new office and the City of Kearney sent the Planning Commission Agenda for October 16, 2020. Chairman McMullen called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Nate Pearson, Network Manager for the Buffalo County IT (Information Technology) Department presented his quarterly report to the Board to be filed with the County Clerk.

Facilities Director Steve Gaasch was present for the report of the Surplus Property sale conducted on September 19, 2020 to be filed with the County Clerk.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:28 A.M. and reconvene as the Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman McMullen called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Assessor Ethel Skinner and Deputy County Treasurer Brenda Rohrich were present.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to approve the final levies for the various political subdivisions as provided by the Buffalo County Clerk with the following Resolution 2020-49. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Higgins and McMullen. Abstain: Loeffelholz. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-49

		PROPERTY TAX RATES 2020-2021			
COUNTY FUNDS		LEVY			
GENERAL		0.296765			
BOND		0.023987			
VETERAN'S AID		<u>0.000079</u>			
TOTAL		0.320831			
BUFFALO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY					
GENERAL	0.007854	SINKING	0.009297		
FIRE DISTRICTS	GENERAL	SINKING		BOND	
SUBURBAN #1	0.021247	0.008215		0.004817	
GIBBON #2	0.011910				
SHELTON #3	Set By Hall	County			
PLEASANTON #4	0.062358				
RAVENNA #5	0.003463				
MILLER #6	0.011454				

ELM CREEK #7	0.010951				0.012734		
AMHERST #8	0.015542				0.027334		
SID #3 GENERAL	0.207091						
CITY/VILLAGE	GENERAL	BOND			PARKING		CRA
AMHERST	0.279097						
ELM CREEK	0.321978	0.052791					
GIBBON	0.353959	0.141040					
KEARNEY	0.136528	0.012342			0.122375		0.005017
MILLER	0.475610						
PLEASANTON	0.235494	0.086810					
RAVENNA	0.356555						
RIVERDALE	0.065933						
SHELTON	0.498337	0.177522					
SCHOOL DISTRICTS							
DISTRICT	NO.	GENERAL	BOND	K-8 or 2009	9-12 or 2013	CAPITAL	SP BLDG
GIBBON	2	1.010000	0.134392				0.018624
KEARNEY	7	1.004343		0.071217	0.110792		0.023649
ELM CREEK	9	0.966772	0.143356				0.025002
SHELTON	19	1.025446	0.067977			0.023141	0.024468
RAVENNA	69	0.695713					0.025289
PLEASANTON	R105	0.807771	0.162707				
AMHERST	119	0.660973		0.011809	0.012275		0.117693

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to approve the motor vehicle tax renewal exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society (St. Luke's) on a 2010 Ford Cutaway Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4708 through 4713 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Loeffelholz, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:31 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. Absent: Kouba and Reiter. Motion declared carried.

The Board took a break at 9:31 A.M.

REGULAR AGENDA

At 10:00 A.M. the meeting was reconvened and Assistant Highway Superintendent Cory Jensen was present for the following bid opening. Chairman McMullen instructed County Clerk Giffin to open and read aloud the submitted bids for the Project C10 (987) east of Ravenna a portion of Navaho Road. Bids were submitted from the following companies: Blessing Construction and Nielsen Contracting LLC. The Road Committee and Highway Superintendent will review the bids and come back with recommendations at the next meeting on October 27, 2020.

Chairman McMullen instructed County Clerk Giffin to open the Request for Proposal (RFP) for inmate phone and messaging system. Sheriff Neil Miller was present and indicated that the proposals would be reviewed by his office. The following companies submitted their proposals: Combined Public Communications, Encartele, GTL and IC Solution Advanced Technology. Decisions will be made at a later date.

Chairman McMullen called for Citizen's forum and no one addressed the Board.

Chairman McMullen asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 10:08 A.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.