

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Vice 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, Ivan Klein, Myron Kouba, Ronald Loeffelholz, Daniel Lynch and Sherry Morrow. Absent: William McMullen. 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 March 4, 2021. Vice 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 Higgins and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the February 23, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to ratify the following February 26, 2021 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			271,775.09
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,037.63
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	45,975.26
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	113,159.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	4,735.07
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	92,097.39
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	104.67
KATHLEEN A LAUGHLIN	E	GARNISH	402.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	955.05
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	299.86
MASSMUTUAL	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,175.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	E	DEFERRED COMP	1,080.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	1,200.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	3,213.48
PROFESSIONAL CHOICE	E	GARNISH	157.33
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	15,491.61
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	849.18
ROAD FUND			
NET PAYROLL			62,015.79
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	907.19
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	9,956.97
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,567.00
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	GARNISHMENT	219.69
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	677.42
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	19,474.56
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	148.65
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	107.59
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.5
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	242.00
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	930.96
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	3,132.17
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE C	205.46
WEED FUND			
NET PAYROLL			4,916.98
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	777.30
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	248.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	33.33

WEED FUND CONTINUED			
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,586.40
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.44
PRINCIPAL	E	DENTAL	61.00
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	251.69

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept the Clerk of the District Court February 2021 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to accept the Buffalo County Treasurer February 2021 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

After requesting informal bids, it was moved by Morrow and seconded by Higgins to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign a contract with Central Plains Valuation, LLC for referee coordinator services to conduct Property Valuation Protest hearings. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Sheriff Neil Miller and Timothy Vogt with Bull and Barrel were present to address any questions for the Special Designated Liquor License approval. After discussion and review of the County Sheriff's report, it was moved by Lynch and seconded by Higgins to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application for Bull and Barrel for an event to be held on May 1, 2021. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Kouba and seconded by Higgins to appoint Stan Brodine to fill the remainder of Jim Jacobs' term as the Veterans Service Committee Member which will expire on June 30, 2023. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to set March 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. to open proposals to locate, tie out and provide GPS observations data and coordinates on sections corners located within Buffalo County. The project is intended to enhance GIS control, provide a more proficient mapping and data management program for county officials, as well as improve the overall accuracy of the land record within the County. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Vice Chairman Klein reviewed the following correspondence. Federal Emergency Management Agency sent FEMA's Letter of Map Revision Based on the Fill Determination Document. Nebraska Association of Emergency Management sent forms to nominate an Emergency Management Professional of the Year. City of Kearney sent the City of Kearney Planning Commission Agenda for 3/19/2021. Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska sent their 2020 Annual Reports. Vice Chairman Klein called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

Highway Superintendent John Maul reviewed the final tabulations for the gravel bids submitted on February 23, 2021. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to award the following gravel bids for April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022: Ed Broadfoot & Sons Sand & Gravel for Zone 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14; Mid-NE Aggregates for Zones 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26; and T&F Sand & Gravel for Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:20 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Vice Chairman Klein called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Assessor Ethel Skinner was present.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Kouba to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4756 through 4763 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Higgins to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:22 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to enter into Executive Session at 9:23 A.M. to discuss contract negotiations. In addition to the Board members responding to roll call, County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was present. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Loeffelholz to move out of Executive Session at 9:53 A.M. and resume the open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: McMullen. Motion declared carried.

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

Vice Chairman Klein asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:54 A.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.