

BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. Chairperson Morrow 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, Bill Maendele and Sherry Morrow. Absent: Daniel Lynch. 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 website, and the bulletin boards located outside the County Clerk’s office and County Board Room on December 18, 2025. Chairperson Morrow 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 Heather Christensen took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Deputy County Attorney Josiah Davis were present.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to approve the December 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Vice- Chairperson Maendele read into the record Employee Recognitions for the following County Employees: Fidencio Garcia Rodriguez for 1 Year of service, Eric Archuleta for 1 Year of service, Audrey Harris for 5 Years of service, Nick Alexander for 20 Years of service and Ted Huber for 30 Years of service.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Loeffelholz to ratify the following December 12, 2025 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Klein, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

DECEMBER 12, 2025 PAYROLL

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			405,392.89
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,353.44
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	71,950.86
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	174,065.50
DAWSON CO COURT	E	GARNISHMENT	302.13
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,075.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	7,320.72
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	140,373.31
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	67.42
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,127.07
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	310.02
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	4,293.09
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	3,257.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	876.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	21,978.25
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	1,242.98
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			74,378.45
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	862.19
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	11,530.88
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	4,403.00
FAMILY SUPPORT REGISTRY	E	GARNISHMENT	75.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	842.49
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	22,073.82
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	198.96
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	104.80
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	984.44
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	3,290.57
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	304.52
<u>WEED FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			5,979.05
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	940.35

BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	346.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	33.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,883.52
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	4.18
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	60.36
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	281.93

Moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to approve the following December 2025 vendor claims submitted by the County Clerk and to exclude claim number 2512118 in the amount of \$92.63 for further review. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
ADAMS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	37.00
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	MC	MEDICAL	20,877.42
AG LAND ATV	S	SVC	2,234.22
AIRDATA UAV	E	SUBSCRIPTION	2,240.00
LYNNE M. ALBIN	S	LEGAL	240.70
ALL CITY GARAGE DOOR	EQ	EQUIPMENT	505.00
ALL SAFE INDUSTRIES	SU	SUPPLIES	3,076.76
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	SUPPLIES	3,511.50
AMERICAN ELECTRIC COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	352.28
MANDI J AMY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
APCO INTERNATIONAL	D	DUES	1,012.00
APPLE MARKET	SU	SUPPLIES	49.46
NATHAN AREHART	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
JEN ARROWWOOD	E	FEES	20.00
AT&T MOBILITY	U	PHONE SVC	3,391.52
ATS	S	SVC	454.14
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	U	UTILITY	274.47
DREW BOHL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BOMGAARS SUPPLY	EQ	EQUIP	36.99
BOSSELMAN ENERGY	F	PROPANE	288.76
BOYS TOWN	S	YOUTH SVC	589.06
SCOTT BRADY	RE	REIMBURSE	12.60
NATHAN BRECHT	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
D. BRANDON BRINEGAR	RE	REIMBURSE	143.88
STANLEY BRODINE	RE	REIMBURSE	15.26
BRUNER FRANK SCHUMACHER	S	LEGAL	23,790.97
BUFFALO CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	RE	REIMBURSE	15.00
BUFFALO CO COMMUNITY PARTNERS	S	YOUTH SVC	280.27
BUFFALO CO ATTORNEY	E	EXPENSE	22.00
BUFFALO CO COURT	E	FEES	3,240.35
BUFFALO CO PUBLIC DEFENDER	E	EXPENSES	382.00
BUFFALO CO SHERIFF	E	EXPENSE	1,999.83
LOGAN BUHR	E	FEES	199.20
BUILDERS WAREHOUSE	SU	SUPPLIES	106.76
CANON U.S.A.	S	MAINT	230.97
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERVICE	E	TRANSPORT	4,540.60
MICHAEL D CARPER	S	LEGAL	650.00
CENTURY LUMBER CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	35.19
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	U	TELE SVC	749.95
CHEMSEARCHFE	S	SVC	957.30
JENNIFER CHURCH	RE	REIMBURSE	99.60
CITY OF KEARNEY	U	UTILITIES	4,430.04
CITY OF KEARNEY	AP	BUDGET	390,611.72
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	COURT COSTS	2,429.00
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT	E	FEES	391.29
CLEVANGER PROPANE CO	F	FUEL	3,673.00
CLIPPER PUBLISHING	S	PRINTING	73.50
COCHRAN LAW PC	S	LEGAL	4,204.99
KATHARINE COLLINS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	A	PUBLICATION	797.59
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	310.00
COMPASS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	S	FAMILY SVC	412.50

COMPSYCH CORPORATION	MC	HEALTH	1,882.32
CONSOLIDATED CONCRETE CO.	C	CONCRETE	2,614.57
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	EQ	EQUIPMENT	296.75
COPYCAT PRINTING CENTER	SU	SUPPLIES	445.90
COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE	U	UTILITIES	808.50
CULLIGAN OF KEARNEY	S	SVC	508.50
WENDY C CUTTING	E	TRANSCRIPT	88.75
DAN'S SANITATION	S	SVC	22.25
DENNISE DANIELS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
HEIDI DARBY	RE	REIMBURSE	49.99
DAS ST ACCOUNTING	S	SVC	150.00
DAS STATE ACCTNG-CENTRAL FINANCE	S	NETWORK SVC	1,536.00
DATASHIELD CORPORATION	S	SVC	59.46
JOSIAH DAVIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYDIA DAVIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
DAWSON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	88.42
DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	4,174.27
DENT POPPER	S	REPAIR	375.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	MC	MEDICAL	6,766.12
DIER, OSBORN & COX, P.C., L.L.O.	S	LEGAL	1,430.00
DOMINION REAL ESTATE KEARNEY	RT	RENT	290.00
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	E	FEES	45.84
DOWHY TOWING & RECOVERY	S	SVC	250.00
BRANDON DUGAN LAW	S	LEGAL	2,160.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	7,813.01
SHAWN EATHERTON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
EGAN SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	SUPPLIES	2,183.84
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS	S	SVC	514.80
ENTERPRISE ELECTRIC	SU	SUPPLIES	848.36
EUSTIS BODY SHOP	S	REPAIR	489.91
PAUL FARRELL	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS'HOME	S	JUV SVC	11,729.02
FRESHWORKS	E	SOFTWARE	8,760.46
FRITSON PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	S	SVC	3,200.00
TAMARA FRIZANE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
FRONTIER	IT	IT	4,167.89
FYE LAW OFFICE	S	LEGAL	13,051.43
GARCIA CLINICAL LABORATORY	MC	MEDICAL	98.00
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	REPAIRS	42.50
GARY MICHAELS CLOTHIERS	S	REPAIRS	373.00
GIBBON FIRE DEPARTMENT	S	SVC	100.00
GRAND KUBOTA	EQ	EQUIPMENT	4,544.50
GRAY LAW FIRM	S	LEGAL	480.00
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS LLC	E	INTERNET	1,207.25
HALL CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	E	FEES	41.36
ANDREW W HOFFMEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
HOLIDAY INN - KEARNEY NE	E	EXPENSE	5,428.87
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	PRINTER LEASE	5,916.02
HORNER, LIESKE, MCBRIDE & KUHL	E	CREMATION	1,625.00
MELISSA HOSTETLER	E	FEES	76.00
LISA R HUERTA	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
IHS PHARMACY	MC	MEDICAL	238.96
ERIC INGEBRETSEN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
ISAAC CONSTRUCTION	C	CONSTRUCTION	2,200.00
J & A SPECIALTIES	SU	SUPPLIES	1,700.99
JACK'S UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT	EQ	EQUIPMENT	333.89
JACOBSEN ORR LAW FIRM	S	LEGAL	38,446.65
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	S	REPAIRS	240.80
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	SU	SUPPLIES	890.90
JUSTICE WORKS LLC	E	SUBSCRIPTION	122.00
KEARNEY CRETE & BLOCK CO	SU	SUPPLIES	230.94
KEARNEY HOUSING AGENCY	RT	RENT	290.00
KEARNEY TOWING & REPAIR CENTER INC	S	SVC	300.00
KEARNEY WINNELSON CO	EQ	EQUIPMENT	320.00

WILLIE KEEP	RE	REIMBURSE	23.80
HANNAH KEMPH	E	FEES	49.40
NICK KILLOUGH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
KLEIN BREWSTER BRANDT & MESSERSMITH	S	LEGAL	25,956.00
JEFFREY C KNAPP	S	LEGAL	961.75
DOUG KRAMER	RE	REIMBURSE	150.00
TIM KREUTZER	RE	REIMBURSE	11.20
KRONOS	S	SVC	1,398.87
LARSEN ELECTRIC	S	REPAIR	128.86
DR MICHAEL LAWSON	E	MH BOARD	100.00
LIESKE, LIESKE & ENSZ, PC LLO	S	LEGAL	2,871.48
LMN GRAPHICS	S	SVC	1,050.00
STEPHEN G LOWE	E	MH BOARD	1,625.00
MAGNET FORENSICS	E	SUBSCRIPTION	6,720.00
JOHN MARSH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LYNN MARTIN	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
MASTERS TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	47.23
SHARON MAULER	E	MH BOARD	100.00
JENNIFER R MCCARTER REPORTING	E	TRANSCRIPT	910.95
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	SU	SUPPLIES	220.02
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	1,090.06
MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS	S	SVC	730.00
MID NE AGGREGATE	SU	SUPPLIES	10,964.92
MID STATE ENGINEERING & TESTING	S	SVC	5,394.00
MIDWEST CONNECT	S	MAIL SVC	10,033.36
MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT	S	SVC	702.75
MIPS INC.	S	SUPPORT	6,128.82
MIRROR IMAGE CAR WASH	S	SVC	327.28
MOLLY BOMBERGER COUNSELING SERVICES	S	SVC	2,139.00
MOONLIGHT CUSTOM SCREENPRINT	S	SVC	115.50
KOLTON MORSE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
ALICIA MULLER	E	FEES	280.40
NACO	E	REGISTRATION	160.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS	SU	SUPPLIES	1,254.72
NE ARBORIST ASSOCIATION	D	MEMBERSHIP	75.00
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	TELE SVC	213.65
NE FLOODPLAIN & STORMWATER	D	MEMBERSHIP	35.00
NE GENERATOR SERVICE LLC	S	REPAIR	814.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	S	PT SVCS	1,004.54
NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	U	UTILITIES	318.00
NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	U	UTILITIES	15,358.73
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	S	SVC	135.00
NE INTERACTIVE LLC	E	EXPENSES	83.00
OPTK NETWORKS	U	TELE SVC	1,253.24
NEKE VALLEY MHP	RT	RENT	410.00
ROBERT NELSON	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
NE EMERGENCY SERVICE	D	DUES	255.00
NEW WEST SPORTS MEDICINE	MC	MEDICAL	228.38
NMC, INC.	RT	RENTAL	4,650.00
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	U	UTILITES	4,212.42
NP REALTY	RT	RENT	290.00
O'BRIEN STRAATMANN REDINGER FUNERAL	E	TRANSPORT	600.00
BRADLEY KENT OLSON	RT	RENT	290.00
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	S	YOUTH SVCS	2,869.60
PARKER GROSSART BAHENSKY BEUCKE	S	LEGAL	100.00
GRANT M. PASCHKE	S	LEGAL	285.00
PEPPERBALL	E	TRAINING	650.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY P.C.	MC	MEDICAL	7,368.50
PLAINS INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC	RT	RENT	740.00
PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	SVC	560.58
PLATTE VALLEY DENTAL CLINIC	MC	MEDICAL	865.00
PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE	S	REPAIRS	15.48
PRAIRIE VIEW APARTMENTS	RT	RENT	370.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA	EQ	LEASE	214.53

QUILL CORPORATION	SU	SUPPLIES	219.10
KANE M RAMSEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RAVENNA REDI MIX	C	CONCRETE	1,201.25
REBECCA RILEY	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
SANDI RODEMAN	E	FEES	80.20
JOSE RODRIGUEZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
BRENDA ROHRICH	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
RUDOLPH LAW	S	LEGAL	360.00
JEREMY SEDLACEK	RE	REIMBURSE	3.50
RICHARD SERR	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
JANICE SHERMAN	S	SVC	500.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	SU	SUPPLIES	154.53
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	E	SOFTWARE	13,393.00
MARTI SLEISTER	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
TRENTON SNOW	RE	REIMBURSE	279.00
TRENTON SNOW, LLC	RT	RENTAL	1,000.00
CHERYL STABENOW	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
STAMM ROMERO & ASSOC, P.C., L.L.O.	S	LEGAL	13,283.60
THOMAS S STEWART	S	LEGAL	2,356.93
STONERIDGE APARTMENTS	RT	RENT	461.00
SCOTT STUBBLEFIELD	RE	REIMBURSE	26.60
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	E	FOOD SVC	35,532.54
SWENEY GROUP	S	SVC	4,613.10
MICHAEL J SYNEK	S	LEGAL	2,141.02
THE LAWN BUILDERS	S	SVC	6,824.04
THE LOCKMOBILE	EQ	KEYS	29.25
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	4,636.06
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	654.15
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	1,075.10
THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	E	SUBSCRIPTION	869.95
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	S	MAINTENANCE	512.70
TURNER BODY SHOP OF KEARNEY	S	REPAIR	79.95
REBECCA TVRDIK ANDERSON	S	LEGAL	7,700.00
TYE & ROWLING, PC	S	LEGAL	530.00
U S POSTMASTER	E	FEES	436.00
U S POSTMASTER	S	MAIL SVC	382.00
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	16,458.02
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	902.99
MARC VACEK	RE	REIMBURSE	41.30
TIM VANCE	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
VERIZON	U	TELE SVC	962.18
VERIZON WIRELESS	U	TELE SVC	679.33
VILLAGE OF MILLER	U	UTILITIES	25.00
VILLAGE UNIFORM	S	SVC	200.80
THE WALDINGER CORPORATION	S	SVC	16,913.01
LAURYN WALKER	E	FEES	111.00
WELLS FARGO BANKS ACCT ANALYSIS	E	FEES	69.81
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	701.95
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	106.76
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	1,156.11
WELLS FARGO	E	EXPENSES	301.45
AARON WENTZ	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
TENA WIDENER-BUSCH	E	FEES	88.60
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	SU	SUPPLIES	89.96
MELISSA L WILLIS	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
LOYE WOLFE	RE	REIMBURSE	46.20
WPCI	S	SVC	124.00
YELLOW ROBE CONSULTING	S	SVC	1,800.00
MELANIE R YOUNG	RE	REIMBURSE	45.00
<u>ROAD/ HWY DEPT</u>			
AUSSIE HYDRAULICS	S	REPAIRS	986.40
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY/AUTO VALUE PART	S	REPAIRS	2,548.48
BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS	SU	SUPPLIES	300.00
BOSELMAN ENERGY	F	FUEL	64.57

BUFFALO OUTDOOR POWER	S	REPAIRS	569.58
ERIC HJORT	E	REGISTRATION	33.50
CFP-C-T	F	FUEL	43.05
COMFY BOWL	RT	RENTAL	105.00
CONSTRUCTION RENTAL	S	REPAIRS	950.00
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	S	REPAIRS	731.91
CURLY'S RADIATOR SERVICE	S	REPAIRS	847.00
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SU	SUPPLIES	43.10
ED BROADFOOT & SONS SAND & GRAVEL	G	GRAVEL	90,101.03
FARM PLAN	S	REPAIRS	1,470.31
FARMERS CO-OP ASSOCIATION	F	FUEL	101.00
FASTENAL COMPANY	S	REPAIRS	449.74
FLOYD'S TRUCK CENTER	S	REPAIRS	4,029.42
FRIESEN CHEVROLET	S	REPAIRS	1,286.96
GARRETT TIRES & TREADS	S	REPAIRS	10,958.65
GENERAL EXCAVATING	C	CONCRETE	10,862.68
GRAHAM TIRE CO	S	REPAIRS	821.84
HANSEN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	S	REPAIRS	457.86
JIM HAWK TRUCK TRAILERS	S	REPAIRS	469.95
KEARNEY EQUIPMENT	S	REPAIRS	823.66
KIMBALL MIDWEST	SU	SUPPLIES	796.70
MARLATT PRECISION	S	REPAIRS	175.68
MATHESON TRI-GAS	S	REPAIRS	930.59
MENARDS	EQ	TOOLS	27.83
MID NE AGGREGATE INC	G	GRAVEL	6,725.32
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES CO	SU	SUPPLIES	11,660.00
MILLER & ASSOCIATES	S	SVC	7,582.50
NAPA AUTO PARTS	S	PARTS	60.34
NMC, INC.	S	REPAIRS	77,213.80
NOVUS WINDSHIELD REPAIR	S	SVC	65.00
OAK CREEK ENGINEERING	S	ENGINEERING	24,473.40
OLSSON	S	SVC	1,446.00
PAULSEN	G	GRAVEL	44,015.82
POWERPLAN-MURPHY TRACTOR	S	REPAIRS	7,814.62
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	S	REPAIRS	986.24
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	2,808.28
WILKE'S TRUE VALUE	E	EXPENSES	42.38
WINZER	SU	SUPPLIES	1,551.17
<u>VISITOR'S PROMOTION</u>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	86,605.00
<u>VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT</u>			
KEARNEY VISITOR'S BUREAU	E	EXPENSES	86,605.00
<u>DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION</u>			
MIPS INC.	S	SUPPORT	588.38
<u>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND</u>			
BCBS HEALTH CLAIM EXPENSE	MC	HEALTH	211,893.54
HM LIFE MELLON GLOBAL CASH MGNT	MC	HEALTH	70,294.68
<u>VETERAN'S RELIEF</u>			
CO VETERANS AID FUND	E	EXPENSES	3,403.60
<u>DRUG FORFEITURES</u>			
BUFFALO CO CLERK	RE	REIMBURSE	720.00
<u>KENO LOTTERY</u>			
BUFFALO CO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	RE	REIMBURSE	449.61
<u>WEED DISTRICT FUND</u>			
MENARDS	SU	SUPPLIES	39.98
PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA	E	EXPENSES	8,000.00
U.S. BANK	E	EXPENSES	185.62
<u>911 EMERGENCY SERVICE</u>			
CENTURYLINK	U	PHONE SVC	1,841.12
FIBER PLATFORM	S	SVC	255.90
FRONTIER	U	PHONE SVC	936.79
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	U	PHONE SVC	211.53
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	U	TELE SVC	108.31
NE CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO	U	TELE SVC	109.99

PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS	S	MAINT	1,417.67
STANCIL CORPORATION	S	MAINT	2,894.00

County Attorney Shawn Eatherton arrived at 9:07 P.M.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to approve the addition of pledged collateral in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Buffalo County Treasurer at Bruning Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to approve the addition of pledged collateral in the amount of \$35,598.56 for the Buffalo County Treasurer at Firstier Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to approve the release of pledged collateral in the amount of \$29,925.30 for the Buffalo County Treasurer at Firstier Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

After discussion, it was determined that the Funds transfer agenda item was not necessary this month.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to acknowledge receipt of the November 2025 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Maendele and Morrow. Abstain: Kouba. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to approve following Resolution 2025-71 setting all of the Elected Officials salaries for the years 2027-2031. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Loeffelholz and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-71

WHEREAS, according to Section 23-1114, Revised Statutes of Nebraska, the salaries of Elected Officials of the County shall be fixed by the County Board prior to January 15 of the year in which a general election will be held for the respective offices, and WHEREAS, said 2026 Primary Election will be held on May 12, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners that the following salaries be established for Elected Officials for Buffalo County for the years beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2030, to wit:

The annual salary for the offices of County Clerk, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Assessor, and Clerk of District Court will be established at \$100,000.00 for the calendar year of 2027, \$104,000.00 for calendar year 2028, \$108,160.00 for calendar year 2029 and \$112,486.00 for calendar year 2030.

The annual salary for the office of County Sheriff will be established at \$160,000.00 for the calendar year of 2027, \$166,400.00 for calendar year 2028, \$173,056.00 for calendar year 2029 and \$179,979.00 for calendar year 2030 **provided** the Sheriff retains charge and custody of the jail. *If the County Sheriff does not retain charge and custody of the jail, the annual salary will be established at \$128,000.00 for the calendar year of 2027, \$133,120.00 for the calendar year of 2028, \$138,444.80 for the calendar year of 2029, and \$143,983.20 for the calendar year of 2030.*

The annual salary for the office of County Attorney will be established at \$165,000.00 for the calendar year of 2027, \$171,600.00 for calendar year 2028, \$178,464.00 for calendar year 2029, and \$185,603.00 for calendar year 2030.

The annual salary for the office of County Surveyor will be established at \$42,550.00 for calendar year 2027, \$44,252.00 for calendar year 2028, \$46,020.00 for calendar year 2029, and \$47,860.00 for calendar year 2030. County Surveyor is also entitled to all fees.

The annual salary for the office of Public Defender will be established at \$148,500.00 for calendar year 2027, \$154,440.00 for calendar year 2028, \$160,618.00 for calendar year 2029, and \$167,043.00 for calendar year 2030.

The annual salary for the office of County Board Chair will be established at \$47,879.00 for calendar year 2027 and 2028. The annual salary for 2029 and 2030 shall be established at \$47,879.00, plus an increase based on the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in December 2027 and December 2028, plus 1%.

The annual salary for the office of County Commissioner will be established at \$44,980.00 for calendar year 2027 and 2028. The annual salary for 2029 and 2030 shall be established at \$44,980.00, plus an increase based on the cumulative Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor in December 2027 and December 2028, plus 1%.

That in addition to the above salary, each official shall receive and be a member of the same benefit package as offered to all County employees.

Chairperson Morrow reviewed the following correspondence. Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy sent a letter stating that they hereby issue coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Confining Cattle effective April 1, 2026 and will expire March 31, 2031 for JKS Farms Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation. Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) sent a holiday/calendar card for the new year. Buffalo County Community Partners sent a letter giving the option to send donation to strengthen the well-being of the community. Wilkins Architecture Design Planning sent a Christmas card to the Board. Black Hills Energy sent a booklet titled Local Leaders and Public Workers, Permitting, and Planning Officials. Chairperson Morrow called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

ZONING

Zoning Administrator Dennise Daniels and Deputy County Attorney Hoffmeister were present for the following Zoning agenda items.

After discussion it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Loeffelholz to deny the Application for Preliminary Subdivision for “Golfside #5 Subdivision”, as well as an Application for Vacation of Plat, for Golfside Estates, Lots 23-24 and Lots 26-31, also known as a tract of land being part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 16 West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska filed by Joshua Gilbertson, licensed land surveyor, on behalf of Scott R. Phillips, Successor Co-Trustee of the Lee Nell Phillips Revocable Trust Dated December 4, 1990 and Successor Co-Trustee of the Ercil D. Phillips Family Trust also known as The Phillips Family Trust, Gary D. Phillips, Successor Co-Trustee of the Lee Nell Phillips Trust Revocable Trust Dated December 4, 1990 and Successor Co-Trustee of the Ercil D. Phillips Family Trust also known as The Phillips Family Trust, Douglas E. Welliver, Christine A. Welliver, and Golfside Estates Subdivision Homeowners Association, Inc. and further, recommended if the applicants wish to move forward with proposed, noncompliant plat, then the request will need to be submitted, in writing, to The Buffalo County Board of Adjustment. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Klein and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Chairperson Morrow opened the public hearing at 9:17 A.M. for a Proposed Zoning Fee Revisions, No one addressed the Board. Chairperson Morrow closed the hearing at 9:20 A.M. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to approve the Proposed Zoning Fee Revisions as presented and a copy will be on file in the Clerk’s office. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

County Assessor Roy Meusch presented an office update to the Board.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Kouba to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:32 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairperson Morrow called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Treasurer Brenda Rohrich was present.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for the Christian Student Fellowship for a 2018 Ford Transit 350 Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Kouba and seconded by Higgins to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan for a 2017 Ford Fusion 4 Door Sedan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Kouba to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for the Good Samaritan Prairie View Gardens for a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado K1500, a 2010 Ford Cutaway Van E450, a 2014 Buck Dandy Flatbed Trailer and a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for Press On Ministries for a 1986 Chevy 42 Passenger Bus, a 2000 Chevy Truck and a 2017 KIA Sportage. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Klein, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for Sonshine World Daycare for a 2010 Ford Econoline Van E350, a 2013 Ford Econoline Van and a 2015 Ford Transit Wagon. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Klein, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba 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": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent John Maul was present for the discussion on the purchase of Two New John Deere 770P Motor Graders through Source Well Pricing. Moved by Klein and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the purchase of Two New John Deere 770P Motor Graders through Source Well Pricing. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Morrow. Absent: Lynch. Motion declared carried.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Facilities Director Stephen Gaasch was present to discuss current projects in Buffalo County.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson Morrow called for Citizen’s forum. No one addressed the Board.

Chairperson Morrow asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:42 A.M. before she declared the meeting adjourned sine die until the reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. and instructed County Clerk to publish notice for the same according to Nebraska Law.

ATTEST:

Sherry L. Morrow, Chairperson
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Heather A. Christensen
Buffalo County Clerk