

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014  
9:00 A.M.**

The Buffalo County Board of Supervisors and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. and 10:15 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: Francis Biehl, Joseph Brayton, Ivan Klein, Dennis Reiter and William McMullen. Absent: Kent Greder and Sherry Morrow. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Supervisors 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. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton arrived at 9:05 A.M.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Reiter to approve the October 28, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Reiter, Brayton, Klein and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Klein to accept the Clerk of the District Court October 2014 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Klein, Biehl, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen reviewed the following correspondence. The Kearney Visitors Bureau provided a copy of the financial report that was prepared by McDermott & Miller, P.C. The Village of Miller sent a copy of their fall newsletter. Champlin Tire Recycling sent information on the recycling grant application. Kearney Volunteer Fire Department invited the Board to their annual fund raiser. Red Willow County Commissioner sent a request for support in his endeavor to serve on the NACO Board. Nebraska State Bar Association notified the Board about the benefits of paying dues to their organization. Chairman McMullen called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Brayton to rescind the previously approved claim to Concrete Projects in the amount of \$7,650.00 for concrete work on the north side of the Courthouse. (After investigation of the project, and before the check was mailed the County Clerk was instructed to hold the check until further notice.) The County Clerk is now instructed to void the check that was issued to Concrete Projects. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Brayton, Biehl, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen addressed the issue of an easement agreement with Chief Construction Company and Blessing LLC. McMullen was contacted after the last Board meeting about construction already in progress and the need for an easement to complete this project. McMullen consulted with the County Attorney's office and other Board members before he signed the agreement on October 30, 2014 granting this easement. Moved by Klein and seconded by Reiter to ratify the Chairman's signature on the easement agreement between Chief Construction Company, Blessing LLC and Buffalo County for the purpose of authorizing Chief and Blessing to occupy County land and to establish areas of responsibility, liability, duration and cooperation in repair and maintenance of such easement. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Reiter, Biehl, Brayton, and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

County Sheriff Neil Miller was present to discuss the purchase of new Sheriff Department vehicles per the State of Nebraska contract. Moved by Klein and seconded by Reiter to approve the purchase of three 2015 Dodge Chargers in the amount of \$84,774.00 from Gene Steffy Dodge in Fremont, Nebraska and one 2015 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 4X4 Pickup in the amount of \$29,053.00 from Husker Auto Group in Lincoln Nebraska. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Reiter, Biehl, Brayton and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

County Attorney Eatherton excused himself from the Board meeting.

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Klein to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 9:20 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Klein, Brayton, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Chairman McMullen called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Assessor Joe Barber, Deputy County Assessor Nora Borer and Deputy County Treasurer Brenda Rohrich were present.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Klein to approve tax list corrections numbered 4024 through 4033 submitted by County Assessor Barber. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Klein, Biehl, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Brayton to approve Valuation Changes as indicated on the application by the County Assessor for Phillip & Julia Gonzales on parcel number 040079000 and Bosselman Energy, Inc. on parcel number 620304109. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Biehl to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on a 2012 Chevrolet Sedan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Biehl, Brayton, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Klein to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 9:27 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Klein, Biehl, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Greder and Morrow. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Highway Superintendent Ron Sklenar was present for the following Agenda items.

Road Committee Chairman Klein instructed County Clerk Giffin to open and read aloud the sealed bids for two Motor Graders. Bids were submitted from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co and NMC. The Road Committee and Highway Superintendent will review the bids and come back with recommendations at the November 25, 2014 Board meeting.

Road Committee Chairman Klein instructed County Clerk Giffin to open and read aloud the sealed bids for a Loader. Bids were submitted from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. and NMC. The Road Committee and Highway Superintendent will review the bids and come back with recommendations at the November 25, 2014 Board meeting.

Gibbon City Administrator Chris Rector and the City of Gibbon Engineer Jess Hurlbert from Olsson Associates were present to discuss a drainage issue on 70<sup>th</sup> Road east to Pawnee Road and a paving project on 70<sup>th</sup> Road and Gibbon Road.

Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk presented and reviewed the draft portion of the handbook that the Personnel Committee has been working on over a period of time. This working session convened at 10:35 A.M. and the following topics were discussed, but no votes or final decisions were made at this time: Employee Conduct policies including; Courtesy, Internal Investigations, Discipline & Discharge, Tardies, Solicitations, Safety Policies, Weapons Policies, Drug & Alcohol policies, Smoking/Tobacco policies; All County Equipment and services policies, including technology, vehicles etc.; General personnel policies. Supervisor Klein excused himself at 12:15 P.M.

Chairman McMullen called for Citizen's forum and no one was present to address the Board.

Chairman McMullen asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 12:20 P.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, November 25, 2014.