

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015
9:00 A.M**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. County Clerk Janice Giffin called the Reorganization Meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board members responded to roll call: Francis Biehl, Joseph Brayton, Kent Greder, Ivan Klein, Sherry Morrow, Dennis Reiter and William McMullen. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. 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; while the convened meeting was open to the public. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton, Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk were present.

County Clerk Janice Giffin called for the election of a Chairman. Commissioner Klein nominated William McMullen for Chairman of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners. County Clerk Giffin called for nominations three times. There were no further nominations. Moved by Klein and seconded by Brayton to cease the nominations. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Brayton, Biehl, Greder, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried and William McMullen is the Board Chairman for the year 2015.

County Clerk Janice Giffin turned the meeting over to Chairman McMullen.

Chairman McMullen called for the election of a Vice Chairman. Commissioner Brayton nominated Ivan Klein as Vice Chairman of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners. Chairman McMullen called for nominations three times. There were no further nominations. Moved by Brayton and seconded by Morrow to cease the nominations. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Morrow, Biehl, Greder, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried and Ivan Klein is the Board Vice Chairman for the year 2015.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Reiter to approve the following list of Depositories for County Monies. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Reiter, Biehl, Brayton, Greder, Morrow and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Exchange Bank	US Bank
Farmers & Merchants Bank-Kearney	First National Bank
Cornerstone Bank	Heartland Bank
FirsTier Bank of Elm Creek	Great Western Bank
FirsTier Bank of Kearney	Town & Country Bank
Five Points Bank	Wells Fargo Bank
NebraskaLand National Bank	

Moved by Greder and seconded by Morrow to authorize Buffalo County Treasurer Jean Sidwell to invest the County funds at the approved depositories. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Morrow, Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen then made the following Agency Appointments/County Board Representatives:

- Airport Zoning Board-William McMullen
- Archway Board-Ivan Klein
- Buffalo County Community Partners-Francis "Buss" Biehl
- Buffalo County Economic Development Council-William McMullen & Sherry Morrow
- Buffalo County Extension Board-Kent Greder
- Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Board-Joe Brayton
- Kearney Area Visitors Bureau Advisory Board-William McMullen
- Mid-NE Individual Services Advisory Board-Ivan Klein
- Region III Governing Board-Sherry Morrow
- Solid Waste Agency-Francis "Buss" Biehl
- South Central Economic Development Council-Francis "Buss" Biehl
- South Central NE Area Agency on Aging Governing Board-Ivan Klein
- Two Rivers Public Health Department-Dennis Reiter

Chairman McMullen then made the following miscellaneous appointments:

County Medical Doctor-The On Call Doctor belonging to the Buffalo County Medical Association

Legal Newspaper Designations - The Kearney Hub and the Buffalo County Website, (www.buffalocounty.ne.gov)

Chairman McMullen then made the following Board Committee appointments with the first person listed to be the Committee Chair:

<u>Budget & Finance Committee</u>	Sherry Morrow Kent Greder Francis Biehl
<u>Physical Plant & Maintenance Committee</u>	William McMullen Sherry Morrow Joe Brayton
<u>Information Technology Committee</u>	Kent Greder Sherry Morrow Ivan Klein
<u>Road & Bridge Committee</u>	Ivan Klein Dennis Reiter Joe Brayton
<u>Noxious Weed District Committee</u>	Dennis Reiter Ivan Klein Joe Brayton
<u>Human Resource/Insurance Committee</u>	Kent Greder Francis Biehl Joe Brayton
<u>Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee</u>	Dennis Reiter Kent Greder Joe Brayton
<u>Court & Judicial Committee</u>	Francis Biehl Ivan Klein Sherry Morrow
<u>Veterans Service Committee</u>	Joe Brayton William McMullen Ivan Klein
<u>Zoning/Flood Plain Committee</u>	Francis Biehl Sherry Morrow Dennis Reiter
<u>Extension/Agricultural Society Committee</u>	Joe Brayton Kent Greder Ivan Klein
<u>Policies and Procedures Committee</u>	William McMullen Francis Biehl Sherry Morrow
<u>Election Committee</u>	Kent Greder Dennis Reiter Francis Biehl

Buffalo County NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) Contact - Janice Giffin

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Brayton to approve the December 23, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk discussed a portion of the Personnel Manual and recommended that a portion of the current manual be amended. Moved by Brayton and seconded by Reiter to amend the Personnel Manual concerning complaint and grievance procedures with the following Resolution 2015-01. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Reiter, Biehl, Greder, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-01

WHEREAS, Buffalo County is currently an employer who employs employees

WHEREAS, Buffalo County employees currently operate under the guidance of an Employee Handbook,
 WHEREAS, Employee Handbook policies require regular updating to remain in compliance with the needs of the County,
 applicable rules, laws and policies and other considerations,

WHEREAS, the current employee grievance procedure for the County no longer serves the best interests of Buffalo County
 and/or its employees

WHEREAS, as of today's date there are no grievances pending under the current grievance procedure, making it a convenient and
 appropriate time to amend the handbook.

WHEREAS, the last employee grievance filed under the current grievance procedure was closed in January, 2014.

WHEREAS, a replacement "Complaint Procedure" has been drafted and will serve, in conjunction with the County's Affirmative
 Action plan and all other applicable laws, regulations and private remedies, to provide a replacement procedure for employee grievances;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that all existing
 portions of the Employee Handbook, and all associated policies and procedures related to employee grievances in existence on or before
 January 13, 2015, are hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Complaint Procedure" provided to the Board as an Exhibit during consideration of this
 resolution be adopted and incorporated fully into the current Employee Handbook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any formal employee complaints or grievances made after January 12, 2015, regardless of
 the dates of aggrieved conduct, shall be handled under the adopted "Complaint Procedure," the County's Affirmative Action policy,
 and/or other applicable laws or regulations.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Greder to accept the County Treasurer December 2014 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call
 vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Greder, Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay".
 Motion declared carried.

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

Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Board Administrator Lynn Rauner presented a report of the Township
 dissolution progress in receiving the records and assets. Not all of the townships have responded to the January 8, 2015 deadline of filing
 their inventory and records with the County Clerk. Written reports were provided to the Board members and updated reports will be
 provided as they are available. Hoffmeister stated the Elm Creek Public Schools didn't act or intend to act on the offer of the Elm Creek
 Township to sell their portion of the machine shed owned by Elm Creek Township and Buffalo County. Moved by Greder and seconded
 by Biehl to accept the current Township Dissolution Reports. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder,
 Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Brayton to approve the early claim submitted by the County Clerk as listed below. Upon roll
 call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Brayton, Biehl, Greder, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay".
 Motion declared carried.

ROAD FUND		
STATE OF NE-MOTOR FUELS	FUEL TAX	2,176.00

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Biehl to approve the early claim submitted by the County Clerk with a change to how the
 claim is processed. The Board of Commissioners directed the County Clerk to issue the check as indicated below. Upon roll call vote,
 the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Biehl, Greder, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion
 declared carried.

GENERAL FUND		
CONCRETE PROJECTS/KEARNEY CONCRETE	CONSTRUCTION	5,290.30
CONCRETE PROJECTS	CONSTRUCTION	9,909.70

ZONING

Chairman McMullen opened the Zoning Hearing at 9:27A.M. Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk and Zoning Administrator
 LeAnn Klein were present. Verizon Wireless Communications filed a request for a special use permit for property described as part of
 the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 8 North, Range 16 West of the 6th p.m., Buffalo County,
 Nebraska. Authorized Verizon Agent Jeffery Skinner was present. Chairman McMullen closed the hearing at 9:30 A.M. Moved by
 Biehl and seconded by Klein to approve the Special Use Permit application with the following Resolution 2015-02. Upon roll call vote,
 the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Klein, Brayton, Greder, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion
 declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-02

WHEREAS, Verizon wireless Communications, hereinafter referred to as “applicant” or “Verizon” filed Application for Special Use Permit requesting to construct and maintain a 198 foot wireless Sabre monopole tower and radio building on:

A piece of leased property, owned by Stephen Sheen, being part of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4 of NW1/4) of Section six (6), Township eight (8), Range sixteen (16), West of the 6th P.M., Buffalo County, Nebraska.

Commonly known as being located at Dove Hill Ave & West 18th Street, Kearney, NE 68845.

all of which is located in AGR Zoned District, hereinafter referred to as the “subject property” and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2014, following public hearing on such special use application, the Buffalo County Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of such special use permit, subject to three recommended conditions:

1. Proper 911 addresses be obtained and marked.
2. The facility shall have a back-up generator on site.
3. The tower built must have a collapse radius of 80 feet or less as certified by a professional civil engineer.

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2015 the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners held public hearing on such Special Use Permit and no protests to such special permit were given nor submitted, and

WHEREAS, the Board after public hearing and review of the special use application finds:

1. This is an application for a special use permit filed by Verizon. Applicant intends to place on the subject property a 198 foot wireless Sabre monopole tower and radio building on the subject property.
2. The application and accompanying paperwork are incorporated herein as a plan of development together with report of the Buffalo County Zoning Administrator.
3. The findings and minutes of Planning and Zoning Commission and the Application for Special Use Permit together with attachments and exhibits as submitted should be and hereby are incorporated herein in their entirety as if set forth herein.
4. That Verizon has indicated it will receive and properly sign the sites 911 address.
5. That site plans indicate Verizon’s intent to place a back-up generator on site.
6. That Verizon has submitted a professional civil engineer’s certification showing a collapse radius of 80 feet or less for its proposed 198’ Sabre Monopole.
7. That Verizon has submitted detailed site plans that include plans for appropriate fencing, access and considerations for maintaining site aesthetics.
8. That Verizon has indicated intent to comply with all conditions recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

WHEREAS, the issuance of this special permit is found to be in compliance with Section 6.2 of Buffalo County’s Zoning Regulations now in effect, such special permit should be allowed, with the below stated conditions contained in this Resolution, because the proposed use would:

1. Be compatible with and similar to the use permitted in the district, and
2. Not be a matter which should require re-zoning of the property, and
3. Not be detrimental to adjacent property, and
4. Not tend to depreciate the value of the surrounding structures or property, and
5. Be compatible with the stated intended use of the district, and
6. Not change the character of the district, and
7. Be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that this Board approves Special Permit requested by Verizon to locate on the above described real estate a 198’ Sabre Monopole Wireless Tower and radio building.

RESOLVED further that that the Board allows this special use permit, with the following additional requirements, structural items, and/or conditions:

1. Applicant must substantively follow the construction plans submitted with its application.
2. Applicant shall place a generator on the subject property of sufficient size to handle applicant or applicant’s successor’s power needs to maintain communications in event of public power outage. Such generator shall be capable of handling public communications at the same historic delivery rate as that provided by public power usage.
3. Applicant must secure a proper 911 address.
4. Applicant shall place at the entry from public road a sign stating address of the property and telephone number of parties to contact in event of an emergency.
5. Applicant may not substitute another model of wireless tower without providing certification by a professional civil engineer that the replacement model has a collapse radius of 80’ or less.

Mitch Humphrey on behalf of Donald Robert Rowe, Sr. filed a request for a zoning map amendment for property described as part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 15 West of the 6th p.m., Buffalo County, Nebraska from Agricultural to Agricultural-Residential. Mitch Humphrey and Ryan Wendt reviewed the zoning map amendment application. Chairman McMullen closed the hearing at 9:35 A.M. Moved by Biehl and seconded by Reiter to approve the Zoning Map Amendment application with the following Resolution 2015-03. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-03

WHEREAS, Donald Robert Rowe, Sr. has applied for a zoning map amendment with the Buffalo County Zoning Administrator requesting that the following described real property, to-wit:

"A tract of land being part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE1/4 SW 1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Fifteen (15) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows: Referring to the Southwest Corner of Government Lot 4 in the Southwest Quarter of said Section 18 and assuming the South line of said Southwest Quarter as bearing EAST and all bearings contained herein are relative thereto; thence EAST on the aforesaid South line a distance of 1663.42 feet to the ACTUAL PLACE OF BEGINNING; thence continuing EAST on the aforesaid course a distance of 40.0 feet; thence NORTH a distance of 496.76 feet; thence N 87°29' E a distance of 91.0 feet; thence N 01°14' W a distance of 520 feet; thence N 79°33' W a distance of 207.68 feet; thence S 72°45' W a distance of 201.11 feet; thence S 07°53' E a distance of 346.0 feet; thence S 54°55' E a distance of 280.0 feet; thence SOUTH a distance of 495.0 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 4.63 acres, more or less, of which 0.03 acres, more or less, are presently being used for road purposes on the South side. hereinafter referred to as the "subject property" be changed from the Agricultural "AG" District to the Agricultural Residential "AGR" District on Buffalo County's Official Zoning District Map, and

WHEREAS, this is solely a zoning map amendment request and the subject property would or could have other land use regulations that would apply to it above and beyond the zoning map amendment sought at this meeting, and

WHEREAS, on December 18, the Buffalo County Planning and Zoning Commission following public hearing with notice as required, recommended approval of such proposed change in zoning on a 8-0 vote, and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2015, this Board conducted a public hearing and considered this Zoning Map Amendment, the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission considering this amendment, Buffalo County's Zoning Regulations, and Comprehensive Plan, and finds:

- a. This amendment is consistent with the growth and development of Buffalo County and the overall Comprehensive Plan as adopted and implemented by Buffalo County, Nebraska, and
- b. That no citizens appeared in opposition of this amendment.

WHEREAS, no protest(s) against such amendment have been filed with the Buffalo County Clerk within seven days of conclusion of public hearing of the Buffalo County Planning and Zoning Commission as allowed under Sec. 11.4, and

WHEREAS, the votes in favor of adoption of this resolution need only be by majority of members to this Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that application for zoning map amendment to change the subject property from the Agricultural "AG" District to the Agricultural Residential "AGR" District is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the Register of Deed's office against the subject property and any parcel situated partially or entirely within such legal description, and that the County Clerk shall make amendment to Buffalo County Zoning District Map originally adopted on or about September 10, 2002.

Mitch Humphrey on behalf of Donald Robert Rowe, Sr. filed a request for a an administrative subdivision for property described as part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 15 West of the 6th p.m., Buffalo County, Nebraska to be known as Rowe Administrative Subdivision. Ryan Wendt was present. After discussion the Board tabled the decision and the hearing was continued until Humphrey comes back to the Board of Commissioners.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairman McMullen reviewed the following correspondence. The Tye Law Firm sent a note of congratulations to Sherry Morrow who was elected as the 2015 NACO President. The County Attorney's staff sent a thank you note for the additional holiday awarded to County employees on Friday, December 26, 2014. The East Lawn Food Pantry sent a note of thanks for the employee contributions during the food can drive. The Two Rivers Public Health Department sent the 2014 Annual report highlights. City of Kearney Manager, Michael Morgan sent an update on The Archway project since the involvement and oversight by the City of Kearney. Chairman McMullen called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

The Board acknowledged the Buffalo County Sheriff appointments of Sheriff Deputies as follows: Nicholas L. Alexander, Harly Amy, Joseph S. Andersen, Robert C. Anderson, Steven J. Betke, Frank J. Bohac, Brandon D. Bruggemann, Paul M. Cox, Gary L. Davenport, James L. Downing, David D. Gibbs, Kathryn E. Gilmour, Bradley S. Hall, Wyatt H. Hoagland, Theodore J. Huber, Chad L. Hunt, Gary L. Keim, Clint A. Kirschner, Paul T. Koerner, Seth K. Lunbery, Margot E. Nason, Todd A. Ochsner, Michael R. Page, Ramey C. Ristine, Daniel J. Scamehorn, Daniel J. Schleusener, Dennis R. Small, Robert J. Thompson, Justin C. Thorman, Andrea F. Towler, Robert A. Tubbs, Joacob L. Valentine, Ephraim T. Valenzuela, Kathryne A. Welty and Caleb M. Wilson.

The Board acknowledged County Official appointment of Deputies as follows: Deputy County Assessor Nora K. Borer, Deputy County Clerk Leora Hofmann, Deputies County Clerk of the District Court Cheryl Stabenow, Melissa Pritchard, Arlen Slack, Mardell Hebb and Kathy Davenport, Deputy County Register of Deeds Jennifer M. Schleusener, Deputy County Treasurer Brenda R. Rohrich, Deputy County Attorneys Andrew W. Hoffmeister, Melanie R. Young, Michael L. Mefferd, Melissa L. Willis, Mandi J. Amy, Michael G. Gilmour, Patrick M. Lee and Kari R. Fisk, Deputy County Public Defenders Tana M. Fye and Brandon J. Dugan.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Greder to re-appoint the following officials: Ron Sklenar as the Highway Superintendent, Mitchell Huxoll as the Weed Superintendent, LeAnn Klein as the Floodplain/Zoning Administrator, Lisa Poff as the Election Commissioner, William Williams as the Veteran’s Service Officer, Darrin Lewis as the Emergency Manager, and Lynn Rauner as the Board Administrator. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Brayton, Greder, Biehl, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Morrow to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 10:08 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Greder, Morrow, Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. 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 County Treasurer Jean Sidwell were present.

At 10:08 A.M., Chairman McMullen opened the hearing for tax exemption on Real and Personal Property application for Good Samaritan Hospital. Director of Finance Brenda Dunkel was present. Chairman McMullen closed the public hearing at 10:11 A.M. Moved by Biehl and seconded by Morrow to approve the exemption application on parcel number 602479006. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Biehl, Morrow, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Morrow to approve the Valuation Changes submitted by County Assessor Barber for the following list of properties and assigned parcel numbers that were read into the record and occurred after the abstract was sent to the State of Nebraska. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Greder, Morrow, Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

G Jess & Marci Day	200126005	T Period S Period Construction Inc	580143460
Grand West LLC	580143421	T Period S Period Construction Inc	580143461
Grand West LLC	580143438	Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143462
Grand West LLC	580143444	Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143463
Grand West LLC	580143446	Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143464
Grand West LLC	580143447	Grand West Inc	580143467
Grand West LLC	580143450	Grand West Inc	580143470
Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143451	Grand West Inc	580143482
Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143452	School District #119 of Buffalo Co	420017000
Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143453	Village of Shelton	680095000
Rocky Mountain Homes, Inc	580143454	State of NE Department of Roads	605211000
Grand West LLC	580143456		

Moved by Klein and seconded by Biehl to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4036 through 4073 submitted by County Assessor Barber. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Klein, Biehl, Brayton, Greder, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Reiter to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for Good Samaritan Hospital on 2002 Ford Cutaway Van, 2002 Ford Ambulance, 2002 Ford Econovan, 2003 Ford Cutaway Van, 2003 Ford E 350 Van, 2003 Ford Econoline, 2003 Pontiac Montana, two 2005 Dodge Caravans, 2005 Diamond Trailer, 2005 Chevrolet Pickup, 2006 Ford Ambulance, 2007 Road King Trailer, 2007 Ford Explorer, 2008 Buick Lacrosse, 2008 Ford Econovan, two 2010 Chevrolet Ambulances, 2011 Chevrolet Express Van, 2012 Chevrolet Ambulance, 2013 Chevrolet Ambulance, and 2014 GMC Savana Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Biehl, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Brayton to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for First United Methodist Church on a 2010 Ford Cutaway Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Brayton, Biehl, Greder, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Reiter and seconded by Biehl to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for Faith United Methodist Church on a 2006 American Hauler Trailer Enclosed Trailer and a 2012 United Enclosed Trailer. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Reiter, Biehl, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen indicated that a public hearing needed to be conducted for the Salvation Army motor vehicle tax exemption application. Moved by Greder and seconded by Klein to set a public hearing date of January 27, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. for the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption application for The Salvation Army on a 2003 GMC Emergency Canteen, 2014 Chevrolet Traverse and 2014 Ford Flex. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Klein, Biehl, Brayton, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Biehl to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 10:17 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Biehl, Brayton, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Weed Superintendent Mitch Huxoll was present to review his annual state report. Moved by Klein and seconded by Reiter to approve the annual state report and to authorize the Weed Committee Chairman to sign the reports to be filed. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Reiter, Biehl, Brayton, Greder, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

The Board discussed the setting of summer hours for the Weed District. The Board tabled the discussion and decision until the January 27, 2015 Board meeting.

Randy Tonniges with Tonniges and Associates reviewed the audit report that was sent to the board prior to this meeting. Megan Mitchell and Kerri Coleman with Tonniges and Associates were also present. Moved by Biehl and seconded by Greder to accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Greder, Brayton, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Klein to enter into Executive Session to discuss personal matters, litigation and contract negotiations at 10:38 A.M. In addition to Board members responding to roll call, County Attorney Shawn Eatherton and Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk were present. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Klein, Biehl, Greder, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Klein to move out of Executive Session at 11:09 A.M. and resume the open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Klein, Biehl, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Absent: Brayton. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Commissioners Biehl, Brayton and McMullen accompanied Sheriff Neil Miller to conduct the quarterly inspection of the Buffalo County Jail.

The Board of Commissioners recessed for lunch at 11:10 A.M. and reconvened at 3:04 P.M. for a joint meeting with the Veterans Service Committee. The following Board members returned to the meeting: Joe Brayton, Ivan Klein, Sherry Morrow, Dennis Reiter and William McMullen. Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk was present. Chairman McMullen turned the meeting over to Veterans Service Committee Chairman Mick Ross.

Veterans Service Committee Chairman Ross called the meeting to order and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Veterans Service Committee members responded to roll call: Mick Ross, Bill Crosier, Robert Harpst and Tim Moninger. Absent: Larry Meyer. Veterans Service Committee Officer William Williams and staff members Sue Janssen and Linda Lindsey were also present.

Veterans Service Officer Williams asked the Board to clarify the roles of the Veterans Service Committee, Veterans Service Officer and the Board of Commissioners and the administration of the County Veterans Aid Fund. Deputy Attorney Fisk presented copies of the statutes that define those roles. No action was taken. Commissioner Greder arrived at 3:39 P.M. County Clerk Giffin administered the oath of office to Veterans Service Committee members Bill Crosier, Robert Harpst and Tim Moninger.

Commissioner Morrow excused herself from the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

At 4:35 P.M. Chairman McMullen asked if there was anything else to come before the board before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting on Tuesday January 27, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.