

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016
9:00 A.M.**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 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: Francis Biehl, Joseph Brayton, Kent Greder, Dennis Reiter and Ivan Klein. Absent: Sherry Morrow and William McMullen. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. 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. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. Deputy County Attorney Kari Fisk was present.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Reiter to approve the January 26, 2016 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Reiter, Biehl, Greder and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Biehl to ratify the following February 5, 2016 bi-weekly payroll claims that were processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Biehl, Brayton, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			218,992.98
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,057.67
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	E	EMPE EYE CARE	544.04
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	37,057.62
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	89,038.96
LIFE INSURANCE NORTH AMERICA	I	PREMIUMS	365.07
COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS	I	EMPE COLONIAL	41.84
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	E	FLEX FUNDS	3,772.23
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	81,869.97
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	97.84
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	I	PREMIUMS	359.51
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	I	LT DISABILITY	541.61
MASSMUTUAL FINANCIAL GROUP	E	DEFERRED COMP	804.00
METLIFE GROUP BENEFITS	E	DENTAL	2,846.82
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,005.32
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	546.98
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	11,853.76
ROAD FUND			
NET PAYROLL			41,366.43
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,001.68
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	E	EMPE EYE CARE	145.12
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	6,926.30
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,042.00
LIFE INSURANCE NORTH AMERICA	I	PREMIUMS	12.00
FIRST CONCORD BENEFITS GROUP	E	FLEX FUNDS	526.25
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	14,184.76
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	I	LT DISABILITY	111.51
METLIFE GROUP BENEFITS	E	DENTAL	650.85
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	972.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	302.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	1,871.59
WEED DISTRICT			
NET PAYROLL			4,051.85
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	647.26
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	323.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	1,292.36
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS	I	LT DISABILITY	3.26
METLIFE GROUP BENEFITS	E	DENTAL	65.70
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	168.67

Moved by Greder and seconded by Reiter to accept the Clerk of the District Court January 2016 Fee Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Greder, Reiter, Biehl, Brayton and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Brayton to accept the County Treasurer January 2016 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Greder, Brayton, Biehl, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Biehl to accept the Veteran’s Service Quarterly Reports ending 12/31/2015. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Brayton, Biehl, Greder, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Greder to approve the release of pledged collateral in the amount of \$150,000.00 at the Exchange Bank for the Buffalo County Treasurer. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Biehl, Greder, Brayton, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

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

GENERAL FUND		
Baxter Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	(2) Dodge Chargers	53,306.00

After discussion, it was moved by Greder and seconded by Brayton to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application filed by Yousef M. Ghamedi for Nightlife Concepts Inc. for an event to be held at the National Guard Armory, 5710 Airport Road, Kearney, Nebraska on February 27, 2016. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Greder, Brayton, Biehl, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

County Sheriff Neil Miller, County Treasurer Jean Sidwell, Register of Deeds Kellie John, County Assessor Joe Barber and Clerk of the District Court Sharon Mauler were present to discuss the major snow event on February 2nd and February 3rd and the current Bad Weather Closure policy. Moved by Biehl and seconded by Brayton to revise the Employee Handbook with the following Resolution 2016-07 to modify the Bad Weather Closure Policy. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Biehl, Brayton, Greder, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-07

WHEREAS Buffalo County desires to modify its Bad Weather Closure policy, and

WHEREAS Buffalo County declared a Bad Weather Closure on February 2nd from 8am to 5pm and on February 3rd from 8am to 5pm

WHEREAS Buffalo County desires this updated Bad Weather Closure policy to be applied retroactively to the beginning of the current pay period, January 31, 2016

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts an updated Bad Weather Leave policy. A copy of which is available in the Clerk’s Office and which shall be updated in the Employee Handbook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to facilitate updating of this policy Section 5.18 of the Employee Handbook is rescinded and hereby replaced with the attached policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all employees regularly scheduled to work on February 2nd and February 3rd of 2016 be issued Bad Weather Leave in an amount equivalent to the time they were regularly scheduled to work during the hours of declared bad weather closure. Bad Weather leave accrued on February 2nd and 3rd shall be used as follows:

- Employees who were regularly scheduled to work during the Bad Weather Closure, but did not report to work, shall be issued Bad Weather Leave as set forth above and shall be required to use it for the same hours as it was accrued on February 2nd and 3rd, 2016.
- Employees who were regularly scheduled to work during the Bad Weather Closure and did actually report to work, shall be issued Bad Weather Leave as set forth by the updated policy and will be required to use said leave as set forth in this updated policy.

REGULAR AGENDA

Vice Chairman Klein reviewed the following correspondence. Kyle Schneweis, Director of NE Department of Roads sent Build Nebraska Act updates. U.S. Census Bureau sent a notice of the 2016 Government Units Survey and the Nebraska Tourism Commission sent information about the Visitor Improvement Fund Grant, Application and Guidelines. The City of Gibbon sent a Notice of Public Hearing for consideration of declaring areas of Gibbon as blighted. Community Connections (Assisted Living Brookdale Kearney Northridge) and CASA sent newsletters. Vice Chairman Klein called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

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

Vice Chairman Klein opened the public hearing for the 2016 One and Six Year Road and Bridge Plan at 9:45 A.M. Highway Superintendent Ron Sklenar was present for discussion and review. No one else addressed the Board and Vice Chairman Klein closed the public hearing at 9:48 A.M. Moved by Greder and seconded by Brayton to approve the 2016 One and Six Year Road and Bridge Plan as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Brayton, Biehl, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Greder to set a bid date of March 9, 2016 at 9:45 A.M. for Two 2015 or 2016 New Triple Axle Side Dump Trailers. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Greder, Biehl, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Reiter to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:55 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Reiter, Brayton, Greder and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Vice Chairman Klein called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Assessor Joe Barber, Deputy County Assessor Nora Borer, Dennise Daniels and County Treasurer Jean Sidwell were present.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Biehl to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for Salvation Army on a 2014 Chevrolet Traverse, 2014 Ford Flex, 2006 Chevrolet Van and a 2003 GMC Canteen/Emergency. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Biehl, Greder, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Biehl to approve Tax List Corrections on parcel numbers 4188, 41289, 4214 and 4215 submitted by County Assessor Barber. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Biehl, Brayton, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Vice Chairman Klein opened the hearing for Tax Exemption on Vehicle tax exemption application for the Nebraska Youth Camp at 10:00 A.M. Jerry Munsell was present to address the Board. Vice Chairman Klein closed the public hearing at 10:03 A.M. Moved by Biehl and seconded by Greder to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption submitted by County Treasurer Sidwell for Nebraska Youth Camp on a 2016 Titan Flatbed Trailer. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Greder, Brayton, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Vice Chairman Klein opened the scheduled Permissive Exemption Hearings.

Exempt Entity	Parcel	Present
Church of Christ of Kearney	601831000	No one present
First Baptist Church of Kearney	603688120	No one present
First Baptist Church of Kearney	560336110	No one present
First Baptist Church of Kearney	604034000	No one present
First Church of God	600130300	No one present
First Evangelical Lutheran Church	603892000	Kyle Means
First Evangelical Lutheran Church	605872000	Kyle Means
First Evangelical Lutheran Church	605889000	Kyle Means
First United Methodist Church	602690000	Richard Rhoads
First United Methodist Church	605229000	Richard Rhoads
First United Methodist Church	605830685	Richard Rhoads
First Presbyterian Church of Kearney	606534747	No one present
Grace Fellowship Inc.	600130200	No one present
Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church	603821027	No one present
Holy Cross Lutheran Church	603689000	Pete Kotsiopolis
Holy Cross Lutheran Church	603696000	Pete Kotsiopolis
Hope Evangelical Free Church of Kearney	605299000	No one present
Int'l Church of the Four Square Gospel	604189000	Deborah Rosenzweig
Kansas-Nebraska Association Of Seventh Day Adventists	604074000	No one present
Kearney Church of Christ Bldg. Corp	605400000	No one present
Kearney Church of Christ Bldg. Corp	605416000	No one present
Kearney Congregation of Jehovahs Witnesses, Inc.	604240044	Ryall Jons
Living Faith Fellowship of Kearney (Formerly Wellspring Christian Church)	603873000	Doug Shada
Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod	603742000	Paul Pettit
Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry Inc.	604534000	Rachel Hacker
New Life Assembly	580153200	Terry Gerdes
Prince of Peace Catholic Church	560330100	No one present
Exempt Entity	Parcel	Present

Prince of Peace Catholic Church	602727000	No one present
St George Orthodox Church	600969000	Mark Klein
St George Orthodox Church	600973000	Mark Klein
St James Church	602357000	No one present
St James Church	602501000	No one present
St James Church	604123000	No one present
St James Church	604140000	No one present
St James Church	601284000	No one present
St James Church	601285000	No one present
St James Church	604107100	No one present
Summit Church	606407001	No one present
Trinity Presbyterian Church	602066800	David Salyer
United Campus Ministry at University of Nebraska at Kearney Inc.	604680000	Ed Kohel
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The Western Conference Of Evangelical Wesleyan Church Inc.	600981100	John MacDonald
Zion Lutheran Church Kearney	605352000	Todd Koopman
Zion Lutheran Church Kearney	606071000	Todd Koopman
Christian Church At Miller, Ne	180114000	Dean Eberle
Miller United Methodist Church	180118000	No one present
Evangelical Free Church Pleasanton	120020101	Randy Bauer
Evangelical Free Church Pleasanton	120140000	Randy Bauer
Grace Lutheran Church of Pleasanton	100220000	Chad Dixon
Grace Lutheran Church of Pleasanton	100222000	Chad Dixon
Pleasanton United Methodist Church	120216050	Corliss Dixon
Pleasanton United Methodist Church	120094000	Corliss Dixon
St Mary's Church	120030000	No one present
St Mary's Church	120258000	No one present
St Mary's Church	120005000	No one present
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	40678000	Mick Grabowski
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	40694000	Mick Grabowski
Congregational Church of Christ	40201000	No one present
The Methodist Church of Ravenna	40121000	Marty Russell
The Methodist Church of Ravenna	40183100	Marty Russell
The Methodist Church of Ravenna	40421000	Marty Russell
Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church	40042000	No one present
Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church	40135000	No one present
Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church	40143000	No one present
Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church	40151000	No one present
Riverdale Christian Church	540050000	No one present
House Of Prayer & Edification	700313100	Dale Herter
Sacred Heart Church of Shelton	680197000	Brenda Austin
St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	680365000	Dennis Wrage
St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church	680436000	Dennis Wrage
Shelton United Methodist Church	680286000	Monica Lovelace
Haven's Chapel Church	360148000	No one present
God's Missionary Church (Formerly Immanuel Missionary Church)	160142010	Gary Hunt
Open Bible Standard Church	580157205	Jonathan Lumbard
Zion Evangelical Church	300166010	No one present

Vice Chairman Klein closed all the Permissive Exemption public hearings at 10:48 A.M. Moved by Greder and seconded by Brayton to approve the Permissive Exemption Applications for each of the foregoing miscellaneous organizations, Kearney and area churches discussed as determined by the County Board to meet the statutory rules as required for exemption status. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Brayton, Biehl, Reiter and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Biehl and seconded by Reiter to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 10:50 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Biehl, Reiter, Brayton, Greder and Klein. Absent: Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

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

WORKSHOP

The IT Staff and Deputy County Assessor Nora Borer met with the Board for computer training on the property valuation protest hearings.

Vice Chairman Klein asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 12:00 P.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.