

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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: Joseph Brayton, Kent Greder, Ivan Klein, Ronald Loeffelholz, Sherry Morrow, Dennis Reiter and William McMullen. County Clerk Giffin announced that a quorum was present to conduct County business and that posting and publishing gave notice of the meeting in advance, thereof. Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Commissioners; and availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Board of Commissioners of this meeting. Said agenda was also furnished to all area news media. 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 was present.

Clerk Giffin called for the election of a Chairman. Commissioner Klein nominated William McMullen for Chairman of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners. Clerk Giffin called for nominations three times. There were no further nominations, and it was moved by Brayton and seconded by Morrow to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for William McMullen. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Morrow, Greder, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried and William McMullen is the 2018 Board Chairman.

Clerk Giffin turned the meeting over to Chairman McMullen.

Chairman McMullen called for the election of a Vice Chairman. Commissioner Reiter 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, and it was moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ivan Klein. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried and Ivan Klein is the 2018 Board Vice Chairman.

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

Bank of the West	Cornerstone Bank
Exchange Bank	Farmers & Merchants Bank-Kearney
First National Bank	FirstTier Bank of Elm Creek
FirsTier Bank of Kearney	Five Points Bank
Great Western Bank	Heartland Bank
NPAIT	NebraskaLand National Bank
Town & County Bank	Wells Fargo

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

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

- Airport Zoning Board-William McMullen
- Buffalo County Economic Development Council-William McMullen & Sherry Morrow
- Buffalo County Extension Advisory Board-Joseph Brayton
- Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Board-Joseph 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- Ronald Loeffelholz
- South Central Economic Development Council- Ronald Loeffelholz
- 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 – Good Samaritan Hospital and Kearney Regional Medical Center

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

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

Budget & Finance Committee

Sherry Morrow-Chair

Kent Greder

Dennis Reiter

Physical Plant & Maintenance Committee

William McMullen-Chair

Sherry Morrow

Joseph Brayton

Information Technology Committee

Kent Greder-Chair

Ronald Loeffelholz

Ivan Klein

Road & Bridge Committee

Ivan Klein-Chair

Dennis Reiter

Joseph Brayton

Noxious Weed District Committee

Dennis Reiter-Chair

Ivan Klein

Joseph Brayton

Human Resource/Insurance Committee

Kent Greder-Chair

Ronald Loeffelholz

William McMullen

Public Safety, Law Enforcement

Dennis Reiter-Chair

& Emergency Management Committee

Ronald Loeffelholz

Joseph Brayton

Court & Judicial Committee

Kent Greder-Chair

Ivan Klein

Sherry Morrow

Veterans Service Committee

Joseph Brayton-Chair

William McMullen

Ivan Klein

Zoning/Flood Plain Committee

Ronald Loeffelholz-Chair

Sherry Morrow

Dennis Reiter

Extension/Agricultural Society Committee

Joseph Brayton-Chair

Ronald Loeffelholz

Ivan Klein

Election Commission Committee

Dennis Reiter-Chair

William McMullen

Ronald Loeffelholz

Legislative Committee

Kent Greder-Chair

Sherry Morrow

Ronald Loeffelholz

Central Supply and Distribution Committee

Joseph Brayton-Chair

Ronald Loeffelholz

Sherry Morrow

Steve Gaasch

Kellie John

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Reiter to approve the December 26, 2017 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Greder to ratify the following January 5, 2018 bi-weekly payroll claims that were processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Morrow, Greder, Brayton, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			234,146.12
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,059.65
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	40,358.86
BUFFALO CO TREAS/WELLNESS	I	PREMIUMS	100.00
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	98,568.00
LIFE INSURANCE NORTH AMERICA	I	PREMIUMS	375.62
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	4,003.14
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	89,798.73
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	97.67
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	365.51
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	I	LT DISABILITY	560.33
MASSMUTUAL FINANCIAL	E	DEFERRED COMP	1,115.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	505.00
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	334.12
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	E	DENTAL	2,775.64
ROSS SCHROEDER & GEORGE	E	GARNISHMENT	89.25
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	13,190.43
VISION SERVICE	E	EMPE VSP EYE	653.17
ROAD FUND			
NET PAYROLL			54,363.83
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	850.94
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	9,049.55
BUFFALO CO TREAS/WELLNESS	I	PREMIUMS	10.00
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	3,308.50
LIFE INSURANCE NORTH AMERICA	I	PREMIUMS	10.40
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	443.33
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	19,424.67
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	5.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	I	LT DISABILITY	102.96
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	100.00
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	E	DENTAL	749.06
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	2,731.18
VISION SERVICE	E	EMPE VSP EYE	186.12
WEED FUND			
NET PAYROLL			4,205.83
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	679.23
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	323.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	25.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	1,424.77
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE	I	LT DISABILITY	3.51
PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL	E	DENTAL	29.04
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	187.24

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Reiter to accept the Buffalo County Treasurer December 2017 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Morrow, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Loeffelholz and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Klein to accept the Clerk of the District Court December 2017 Fee Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Brayton, Klein, Greder, Loeffelholz, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Morrow to accept the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska November 2017 RYDE report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted “Aye”: Klein, Morrow, Brayton, Greder, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. None voted “Nay”. Motion declared carried.

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

ROAD FUND		
STATE OF NE-MOTOR FUELS	FUEL TAX	\$2,163.00

Chairman McMullen stated that the Ethernet port for the printer in the County Clerk's office will be activated as requested by County Clerk Janice Giffin and no action is required.

Zoning Administrator LeAnn Klein reviewed and filed the annual 2017 Zoning Report. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Reiter to accept the 2017 Annual Zoning and Floodplain Administrator Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow, and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Greder to approve the additional pledged collateral for the Buffalo County Treasurer in the amount of \$600,000.00 at the NebraskaLand National Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Greder, Brayton, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Brayton and seconded by Morrow to re-appoint the following appointed officials for 2018: John Maul as the Highway Superintendent, Bret Stubbs as the Weed Superintendent, Lisa Poff as the Election Commissioner, William Williams as the Veteran's Service Officer, Steve Gaasch as the Facilities Director, Darrin Lewis as the Emergency Manager, LeAnn Klein as the Floodplain/Zoning Administrator and Lynn Martin as the Board Administrator. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Brayton, Morrow, Greder, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen reviewed the following correspondence. The City of Kearney sent a notice of Amendments to the City Code. The Board received a notice of plan reorganization from BlueCross Blue Shield that will not change coverages, benefits or premiums. Chairman McMullen called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Transit Transportation Director Charles McGraw from the Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska was present to review the Technical Assistance Report for the RYDE Transit prepared by the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA).

The Board recessed at 9:45 A.M. and returned at 10:02 A.M.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Reiter to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 10:02 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow 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 Ethel Skinner, Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and County Treasurer Jean Sidwell were present.

Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister reviewed documents relating to the confessions of judgment to be considered by the Board. Moved by Greder and seconded by Loeffelholz that the Buffalo County Board of Equalization Confess Judgment in Tax Equalization & Review Commission Case #17R043 in appeal concerning James Westland, Appellant, and Buffalo County, Appellee for property identified as tax parcel #120167000 and that the Buffalo County Attorney's Office be, and hereby is, authorized to confess judgment on behalf of this Board, that for tax year 2017 this property had an assessed valuation of \$121,630.00. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Loeffelholz, Brayton, Klein, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Klein to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4402 through 4431 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Klein, Brayton, Loeffelholz, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

Moved by Greder and seconded by Morrow to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska Inc. on a 2013 Dodge Caravan SXT, 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan, 2013 Hyundai Accent, 2013 Chevrolet Impala and a 2017 Dodge Caravan SE. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Greder, Morrow, Brayton, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

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

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Reiter to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 10:07 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Reiter, Brayton, Greder, Klein, Morrow, and McMullen. None voted "Nay". Motion declared carried.

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

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

At 10:09 A.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 23, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

William McMullen, Chairman
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Janice I. Giffin
Buffalo County Clerk