

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 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: Timothy Higgins, Ivan Klein, Myron Kouba, Ronald Loeffelholz, William McMullen, Sherry Morrow and Dennis Reiter. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. County Clerk Janice Giffin took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was 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 and Morrow seconded the nomination. County Clerk Giffin called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations, and it was moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Klein to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for William McMullen. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried and William McMullen is the 2019 Board Chairman.

County Clerk Giffin turned the meeting over to Chairman McMullen.

Chairman McMullen called for the election of a Vice Chairman. Commissioner Morrow nominated Ivan Klein as Vice Chairman of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and Reiter seconded the nomination. Chairman McMullen called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations, and it was moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Morrow to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ivan Klein. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Morrow, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Reiter, and McMullen. Motion declared carried and Ivan Klein is the 2019 Board Vice Chairman.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Klein to approve the following list of Depositories for County Monies. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, 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	U.S. Bank
Wells Fargo	

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz 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": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, 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
Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Board-Myron Kouba
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce-Timothy Higgins
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-Timothy Higgins
South Central NE Area Agency on Aging Governing Board-Ivan Klein
Two River Public Health Department-Dennis Reiter

Chairman McMullen then made the following miscellaneous appointments:

County Medical Doctor – Physician on call, Good Samaritan Hospital
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
	Myron Kouba
	Dennis Reiter
Physical Plant & Maintenance Committee	William McMullen-Chair

	Sherry Morrow
	Timothy Higgins
Information Technology Committee	Ivan Klein-Chair
	Ronald Loeffelholz
	Myron Kouba
Road & Bridge Committee	Ivan Klein-Chair
	Dennis Reiter
	Timothy Higgins
Noxious Weed District Committee	Dennis Reiter-Chair
	Ivan Klein
	Ronald Loeffelholz
Human Resource/Insurance Committee	Myron Kouba-Chair
	Ronald Loeffelholz
	William McMullen
Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee	Dennis Reiter-Chair
	Ronald Loeffelholz
	Sherry Morrow
Court & Judicial Committee	Timothy Higgins-Chair
	Ivan Klein
	Sherry Morrow
Veterans Service Committee	William McMullen-Chair
	Myron Kouba
	Ivan Klein
Zoning/Flood Plain Committee	Ronald Loeffelholz-Chair
	Sherry Morrow
	Dennis Reiter
Extension/Agricultural Society Committee	Dennis Reiter-Chair
	Ronald Loeffelholz
	Ivan Klein
Election Commission Committee	Ronald Loeffelholz-Chair
	William McMullen
	Dennis Reiter
Legislative Committee	Timothy Higgins-Chair
	Sherry Morrow
	Ronald Loeffelholz
Ravenna Lake/Campgrounds Advisory Committee	William McMullen-Chair
	Ivan Klein
	Myron Kouba

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Reiter and seconded by Klein to approve the December 28, 2018 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Reiter, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Higgins to ratify the following January 4, 2019 bi-weekly payroll claims that were processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

GENERAL FUND			
NET PAYROLL			254,999.35
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,085.28
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	42,838.65
BUFFALO CO TREAS/WELLNESS	I	PREMIUMS	60.00
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	91,676.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	4,140.91
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	87,788.28
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	97.67
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,737.07
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	569.90
MASSMUTUAL FINANCIAL	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,175.00
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	355.00

NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	659.12
PRINCIPAL LIFE	E	DENTAL	3,121.88
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	14,320.24
VISION SERVICE	E	EMPE VSP EYE	750.13
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			56,675.18
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	816.65
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	9,085.69
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	2,930.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	487.50
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	17,601.42
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	5.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	227.01
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	110.76
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	100.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	E	DENTAL	799.72
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	2,688.26
VISION SERVICE	E	EMPE VSP EYE	204.08
<u>WEED FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			4,654.00
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	731.90
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	251.50
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	25.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAX	1,493.37
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.62
PRINCIPAL LIFE	E	DENTAL	30.48
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAX	229.23

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept the Buffalo County Treasurer December 2018 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Morrow to accept the Clerk of the District Court December 2018 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Morrow, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Kouba to accept the Veterans Service Quarterly Report ending September 30, 2018 and the Veterans Aid (6) Quarterly Reports for July 2017 through September 2018. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Reiter and seconded by Klein to accept the Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska November 2018 RYDE report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Reiter, Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein 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": Klein, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

<u>ROAD FUND</u>		
STATE OF NE-MOTOR FUELS	FUEL TAX	\$3,011.00

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Higgins to approve additional pledged collateral for the Buffalo County Treasurer for the amount of \$490,000.00 at the NebraskaLand National Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

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Moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to re-appoint the following appointed officials for 2019: 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, Jason Wozniak as the Floodplain/Zoning Administrator and Lynn Martin as the Board Administrator. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen reviewed the following correspondence. The Board received Season's Greetings from CMBA Architects and the Nebraska Department of Transportation sent information on the Shelton Link and Gibbon-Shelton projects. Chairman McMullen called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:15 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairman McMullen called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Assessor Ethel Skinner and County Treasurer Jean Sidwell were present.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Kouba to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4531 through 4559 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Kouba, Higgins, Klein, Loeffelholz, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Klein and seconded by Higgins to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Sidwell for South Central Behavioral Services Inc. on a 2007 Toyota Highlander. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Klein, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow, Reiter and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Reiter to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:19 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Reiter, Higgins, Klein, Kouba, Morrow and McMullen. Motion declared carried.

Chairman McMullen called for Citizen's forum and Pam Baer addressed the Board about the 30th Avenue road condition near her property.

At 9:28 A.M., Chairman McMullen asked if there was anything else to come before the Board before he declared the meeting adjourned following the quarterly jail inspection until the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. (Commissioners Higgins, Kouba and Reiter accompanied Lt. Chad Hunt to conduct the quarterly inspection of the Buffalo County Jail.)