

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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, Myron Kouba, Ronald Loeffelholz, Daniel Lynch, Bill Maendele, Sherry Morrow and Ivan Klein. A copy of the acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda by the Board of Commissioners is attached to these minutes. Public notice of this meeting was published/posted in the Kearney Hub, on the Buffalo County web site, and the bulletin boards located outside the County Clerk's office and County Board Room on January 6, 2022. In accordance with Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available for review and 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.

County Clerk Janice Giffin called for the election of a Chairman. Commissioner Loeffelholz nominated Ivan Klein for Chairman of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and Lynch seconded the nomination. County Clerk Giffin called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations, and it was moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ivan Klein. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried and Ivan Klein is the 2022 Board Chairman.

County Clerk Giffin turned the meeting over to Chairman Klein.

Chairman Klein called for the election of a Vice Chairman. Commissioner Lynch nominated Sherry Morrow as Vice Chairman of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and Loeffelholz seconded the nomination. Chairman Klein called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations and the nominations ceased with a unanimous ballot for Sherry Morrow. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried and Sherry Morrow is the 2022 Board Vice Chairman.

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

Cornerstone Bank	Exchange Bank
Farmers & Merchants Bank	First National Bank of Omaha
FirsTier Bank	Five Points Bank
Great Western Bank	Heartland Bank
NFIT/Union Bank	NPAIT
NebraskaLand Bank	Town & Country Bank
Wells Fargo	

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to authorize the 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, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele, and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Chairman Klein made the following miscellaneous appointments:

Legal Newspaper Designations - The Kearney Hub and the Buffalo County Website ([www.buffalocounty.ne.gov](http://www.buffalocounty.ne.gov))

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

Budget & Finance Committee

**Sherry Morrow-Chair**

Timothy Higgins

Bill D. Maendele

Facilities OMP Committee

**Sherry Morrow-Chair**

Ivan Klein

Timothy Higgins

Information Technology Committee

**Myron Kouba-Chair**

Daniel Lynch

Ivan Klein

<u>Road &amp; Bridge Committee</u>	<b>Ivan Klein-Chair</b> Daniel Lynch Ronald Loeffelholz
<u>Noxious Weed District Committee</u>	<b>Daniel Lynch-Chair</b> Ivan Klein Ronald Loeffelholz
<u>Human Resource/Insurance Committee</u>	<b>Myron Kouba-Chair</b> Timothy Higgins Bill D. Maendele
<u>Public Safety, Law Enforcement &amp; Emergency Management Committee</u>	<b>Daniel Lynch-Chair</b> Ronald Loeffelholz Sherry Morrow
<u>Court &amp; Judicial Committee</u>	<b>Bill D. Maendele-Chair</b> Ivan Klein Sherry Morrow
<u>Veterans Service Committee</u>	<b>Myron Kouba-Chair</b> Bill D. Maendele Ivan Klein
<u>Zoning/Flood Plain Committee</u>	<b>Ronald Loeffelholz-Chair</b> Sherry Morrow Daniel Lynch
<u>Extension/Agricultural Society Committee</u>	<b>Ronald Loeffelholz-Chair</b> Myron Kouba Bill D. Maendele
<u>Election Commission Committee</u>	<b>Ronald Loeffelholz-Chair</b> Bill D. Maendele Daniel Lynch
<u>Legislative Committee</u>	<b>Timothy Higgins-Chair</b> Sherry Morrow Ronald Loeffelholz
<u>Ravenna Lake/Campgrounds Advisory Committee</u>	<b>Myron Kouba-Chair</b> Ivan Klein Timothy Higgins
<u>County Official Council</u>	<b>Timothy Higgins-Chair</b> Sherry Morrow Myron Kouba

Buffalo County NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) Contact – Lynn Martin  
Chairman Klein then made the following Agency Appointments:

**County Board Representatives:**

- Airport Zoning Board- Ivan Klein
- Buffalo County Economic Development Council- Sherry Morrow & Daniel Lynch
- Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska Board- Myron Kouba
- Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce-Timothy Higgins
- Kearney Area Visitors Bureau Advisory Board- Timothy Higgins
- Mid-NE Individual Services Advisory Board- Ivan Klein
- Region III Governing Board- Bill D. Maendele
- 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- Daniel Lynch

**State Agency Appointments:**

Nebraska Jail Standards Board- Sherry Morrow

Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board- Timothy Higgins

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to approve the December 28, 2021 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Morrow and Klein. Abstain: Maendele. Motion declared carried.

Sheriff Neil Miller was present for the Swearing in of Deputy Sheriff Zachary Frazho.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to ratify the following December 30, 2021 payroll claims that were processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
NET PAYROLL			301,576.14
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	48,174.33
CREDIT MANAGEMENT	E	GARNISHMENT	121.36
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	103,739.55
ERIN M MCCARTNEY	E	GARNISHMENT	402.00
NE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	E	GARNISHMENT	55.00
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	18,037.56
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
NET PAYROLL			59,101.12
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	8,667.48
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	17,596.31
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	2,781.54
<b>WEED FUND</b>			
NET PAYROLL			5,263.99
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	791.79
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,714.31
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	281.57

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Kouba to approve the early claims submitted by the County Clerk as listed below. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Kouba, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
NEBRASKA TITLE COMPANY	FINAL ADJ. PROPERTY PURCHASE	39.00
<b>ROAD FUND</b>		
STATE OF NE-MOTOR FUELS	FUEL TAX	2,883.00

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Kouba to accept the Buffalo County Treasurer December 2021 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Kouba to accept the Clerk of the District Court December 2021 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Kouba to accept the November 2021 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Kouba, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Maendele to re-appoint the following appointed officials for 2022: 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, Dennise Daniels as the Floodplain/Zoning Administrator and Lynn Martin as the Board Administrator. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to appoint Richard Pierce to replace Lloyd Wilke to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Facilities Director Steve Gaasch presented a report from the 610 Central Project Selection Committee explaining their selection process and stating their recommendation for the Board of Commissioner to consider the hiring of Beckenhauer Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the 610 project. Moved by Morrow and seconded by Kouba to accept and adopt the report from the Selection Committee. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Maendele to approve Beckenhauer Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the 610 Central Project. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Maendele, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to authorize the Construction Team to start negotiations with Beckenhauer Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk for the 610 Central Project. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the addition of pledged collateral in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Buffalo County Treasurer at First Tier Bank. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Chairman Klein instructed County Clerk Giffin to open and read aloud the submitted bids for the Full Body Scanner Systems. Sheriff Neil Miller and Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Schleusener were present for the bid opening. Bids were submitted from STVS-Secure Technology Value Solutions, Command Sourcing, Inc., ADANI Systems, Inc., VMI Security and Tek84. Sheriff Miller and his staff will review the bids and come back with recommendations at the Board Meeting on January 25, 2022.

After discussion, the agenda item to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs was tabled until the January 25, 2022 Board Meeting.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:37 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

## **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

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

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Prairie View Gardens on a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for First United Methodist Church of Kearney on a 2010 Ford Cutaway Van, 2015 Ford Turtle Top Shuttle, 1996 Ford Cutaway Van and a 2008 Chevy Cargo Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Maendele to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Corpus Christi Carmelites on a 2005 Toyota Camry, 2019 Dodge Passenger Van, 2013 Ford Bus, 2003 Ford Passenger Van, 2012 Chevrolet Passenger Van and a 2007 Ford Pickup. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Maendele, Higgins, Kouba, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Higgins to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for CHI Health Good Samaritan on a 2001 Dodge Ram Pickup, 2008 Ford Ambulance, 2008 Buick Lacrosse, 1998 Ford Cutaway Van, 2011 Chevy Express Van, 2002 Ford Cutaway Van, 1995 Ford Econoline Van, 2010 Chevy Ambulance, 1994 Chevy ½ Ton Pickup, 2018 Chevy Express Van, 2003 Ford Ambulance, 2000 Chevy ½ Ton Pickup, 2003 Pont Montana Van, 2005 Chevy ¾ Ton Pickup, 2003 Ford Bus, 2012 McCoy Miller Ambulance, 1995 Ford Bus, 2013 Chevy Ambulance, 2007 Ford Explorer, 2014 GMC Caravan and a 2015 Chevy Ambulance. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Abstain: Maendele. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for Mount Carmel Home-Keens Memorial on a 2013 Ford Bus, 2003 Ford Passenger Van, 2012 Chevrolet Passenger Van and a 2007 Ford Pickup. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Kouba to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Jean Sidwell for The Salvation Army on a 2019 Chevy Traverse and a 2006 Chevy Express Van. Upon roll call vote,

the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Kouba, Higgins, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Abstain: Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Kouba to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4812 through 4854 submitted by County Assessor Skinner. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:48 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Motion declared carried.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairman Klein reviewed the following correspondence. The Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC) sent an invite to the 103rd Annual Virtual Meeting on January 24, 2022. JEO Consulting Group sent a letter regarding Central Platte Natural Resources District Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Round Two public meeting dates and times. Chairman Klein called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Chairman Klein called for Citizen's forum and no one addressed the Board.

Chairman Klein asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:56 A.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting on Tuesday January 25, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.