

**BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. and 9:15 A.M. Chairperson Klein called the meeting 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, Bill Maendele and Ivan Klein. Absent: Daniel Lynch and Sherry Morrow. 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 website, and the bulletin boards located outside the County Clerk's office and County Board Room on April 4, 2024. Chairperson 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 and posted at the back of the Board Room. County Clerk Heather Christensen took all proceedings hereinafter shown; while the convened meeting was open to the public. Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister and Deputy County Attorney Josiah Davis were present.

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Maendele to approve the March 27, 2024 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Maendele, Higgins, Kouba and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Shelton Boys Basketball Coach Will Reutzel was present with players Luke Gillming, Ashton Simmons, Gerry Romero, Ben Meyers and Riley Bombeck. Chairperson Klein read into the record and presented the Shelton Boys Basketball team with an Achievement Award for being Nebraska State Champions.

Chief Deputy Daniel Schleusener, Lieutenant Robert Tubbs, as well as Dispatchers Nani Pollard and Niki Duncan were present for the Proclamation of the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Chairperson Klein read the proclamation and thanked those who serve Buffalo County. Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to proclaim the week of April 14, 2024 through April 20, 2024 as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Buffalo County with the following Resolution 2024-11. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-11

PROCLAMATION

**Name the Week April 14, 2024 through April 20, 2024 as "National Public Safety
Telecommunicators Week" in Buffalo County**

WHEREAS, every day, dedicated public safety telecommunicators serve the people of Buffalo County by answering their requests for emergency assistance and dispatching the appropriate law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical personnel as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the professional public safety telecommunicator is that vital link between the citizens who call 9-1-1 and the law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel who may save their life or property in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Buffalo County's first responders depends on the quality and accuracy of information obtained by professional public safety telecommunicators and delivered via radio, telephone and computers services; and

WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunicators also include those related to highway safety, road maintenance, public utilities and other services that affect the health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, emergencies can strike at any time, so we rely on the vigilance and preparedness of these individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that Buffalo County enjoys the highest standards of public health and safety, and we owe a great debt to the men and women who, by applying their expertise in telecommunications, help to make that achievement possible. During this special observance, we acknowledge that debt and extend a heartfelt thanks to each of them.

South Central Economic Development District (SCEDD) Executive Director Sharon Hueftle was present to give updated reports and filed the 2023 annual report with the County Clerk.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Maendele to ratify the following April 5, 2024 payroll claims processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

APRIL 5, 2024 PAYROLL

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			344,150.81
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	1,552.83
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	60,641.60
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	162,743.04
EMPOWER ANNUITY INS	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,075.00
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	6,610.88
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	113,864.33
KEARNEY UNITED WAY	E	DONATIONS	61.00
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	1,148.85
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	282.84
ERIN M MCCARTNEY	E	GARNISHMENT	402.00
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	3,807.59
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	1,449.50
NE CHILD SUPPORT	E	CHILD SUPPORT	945.00
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	18,930.08
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	1,215.02
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			68,641.62
AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE	I	PREMIUMS	733.69
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	10,957.94
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	4,606.17
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	1,024.57
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	19,957.57
MADISON NATIONAL	I	PREMIUMS	167.51
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	115.12
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	982.80
NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT	R	DEFERRED COMP	272.50
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	3,079.04
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	314.14
<u>WEED FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			5,474.69
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	R	EMPE RET	870.45
BUFFALO CO TREASURER	I	PREMIUMS	320.65
FIRST CONCORD	E	FLEX FUNDS	104.16
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,714.88
MADISON NATIONAL	I	LT DISABILITY	3.81
METLIFE	E	DENTAL	56.94
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	263.88
VISION SERVICE PLAN	E	EMPE VSP EYE	4.81

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

<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FUEL	T	FUELS TAX	4,024.00

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to accept the Clerk of the District Court March 2024 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to accept the Buffalo County Treasurer March 2024 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to accept the February 2024 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Maendele and Klein. Abstain: Kouba. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Lieutenant Tubbs was present for the discussion of the Radio Project Jail Portables. Moved by Maendele and seconded by Higgins to set a bid date for the Radio Project-Jail Portables on Tuesday April 23, 2024. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

After discussion and review of the County Sheriff's report, it was moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Kouba to approve the Special Designated Liquor License application filed by B&B Research and Investments LLC; Trade Name: Village 1919, DBA: The Village for an events to be held at "The Farm" located at 51460 100th Road Shelton, NE 68876 on May 4, 2024. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Kouba, Higgins, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to approve the final CGI videos for the Buffalo County Website. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Higgins, Loeffelholz and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Chairperson Klein reviewed the following correspondence. City of Kearney sent a letter regarding the City of Kearney Planning Commission agenda for the April 19, 2024 meeting.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Loeffelholz to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:27 A.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairperson Klein called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. Deputy County Treasurer Michele Richardson was present.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to approve the Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Brenda Rohrich for the Salvation Army for a 2023 Ford Transit 148 Transit 350 Wagon. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Higgins to adjourn the Board of Equalization and return to the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 9:28 A.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Higgins, Kouba, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Facilities Director Stephen Gaasch was present for the following four agenda items.

Extension parking lot addition did not have any bids for review. No action was necessary at this time.

Moved by Higgins and seconded by Kouba to accept the low bids of Integrity Construction LLC for the ceilings and Young Electric for the electrical for 321 Building remodel. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Higgins, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Kouba and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept the low bids of B&S Concrete for Impound lot improvements. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Kouba, Loeffelholz, Higgins, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Lynch and Morrow. Motion declared carried.

Chairperson Klein called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

Chairperson Klein called for Citizen's forum, Chief Deputy Schleusener, stated a reminder for the Police Memorial in early May. No one addressed the Board.

Chairperson Klein asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 9:40 A.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

ATTEST:

Ivan H. Klein, Chairperson
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

Heather A. Christensen
Buffalo County Clerk

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