

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

The Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and the Buffalo County Board of Equalization met on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. County Clerk Heather Christensen 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: Ivan Klein, Myron Kouba, Ronald Loeffelholz, Daniel Lynch, Bill Maendele and Sherry Morrow. Absent: Timothy Higgins. 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 January 4, 2024. Due to weather notice was published on NTV News and the Buffalo County Website on January 8, 2024 that the meeting was postponed until 1:00 P.M. 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. County Attorney Shawn Eatherton was present.

County Clerk Heather Christensen called for the election of a Chairperson. Commissioner Lynch nominated Ivan Klein for Chairperson of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and Morrow seconded the nomination. County Clerk Christensen called for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations, and it was moved by Lynch 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": Lynch, Morrow, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried and Ivan Klein is the 2024 Board Chairperson.

County Clerk Christensen turned the meeting over to Chairperson Klein.

Chairperson Klein called for the election of a Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Loeffelholz nominated Sherry Morrow as Vice Chairperson of the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners and Maendele seconded the nomination. Chairperson 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": Loeffelholz, Maendele, Kouba, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried and Sherry Morrow is the 2024 Board Vice Chairperson.

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

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

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to authorize the Buffalo County Treasurer Brenda Rohrich to invest the County funds at the approved depositories. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Chairperson Klein then made the following Agency Appointments:

County Board Representatives:

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

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

Nebraska Wireless Enhanced 911 Advisory Board- Timothy Higgins

Chairperson Klein then made the following miscellaneous appointments:

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

Buffalo County NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) Contact – Lynn Martin

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

Budget & Finance Committee

Sherry Morrow-Chair
Dan Lynch
Bill Maendele

Facilities OMP Committee

Sherry Morrow-Chair
Ivan Klein
Tim Higgins

Information Technology Committee

Myron Kouba-Chair
Dan Lynch
Ivan Klein

Road & Bridge Committee

Ivan Klein-Chair
Myron Kouba
Ron Loeffelholz

Noxious Weed District Committee

Ron Loeffelholz-Chair
Ivan Klein
Myron Kouba

Human Resources/Insurance Committee

Myron Kouba-Chair
Tim Higgins
Bill Maendele

Public Safety, Law Enforcement &
Emergency Management Committee

Dan Lynch-Chair
Ron Loeffelholz
Sherry Morrow

Court & Judicial Committee

Bill Maendele-Chair
Ivan Klein
Sherry Morrow

Veterans Service Committee

Myron Kouba-Chair
Bill Maendele
Ivan Klein

Zoning & Floodplain Committee

Ron Loeffelholz-Chair
Dan Lynch
Bill Maendele

Extension Committee

Ron Loeffelholz-Chair
Myron Kouba
Tim Higgins

Election Committee

Bill Maendele -Chair
Tim Higgins
Dan Lynch

Legislative Committee

Tim Higgins-Chair
Sherry Morrow
Ivan Klein

Ravenna Lake Committee

Tim Higgins-Chair
Ivan Klein
Ron Loeffelholz

County Official Council

Tim Higgins-Chair
Sherry Morrow
Myron Kouba

Law Enforcement Center Committee

Sherry Morrow-Chair
Dan Lynch
Tim Higgins

REGULAR AGENDA

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Lynch to approve the December 26, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Lynch, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the December 29, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Morrow and Klein. Abstain: Maendele. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to ratify the following December 29, 2023 payroll claims that were processed by the County Clerk. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			350,431.91
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	I	EMPE RET	58,134.93
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	119,467.14
ERIN M MCCARTNEY	E	GARNISHMENT	402.00
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	20,950.15
<u>ROAD FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			70,642.17
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	I	EMPE RET	10,285.52
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	21,085.25
STATE OF NEBRASKA	T	STATE TAXES	3,400.00
<u>WEED FUND</u>			
NET PAYROLL			5,735.39
RETIREMENT PLANS AMERITAS	I	EMPE RET	859.32
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	T	FEDERAL TAXES	1,840.88
STATE OF NE	T	STATE TAXES	302.75

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to approve the amended purchase agreement that includes lot number 1502 that was previously omitted due to a scrivener's error, from the description by of the original purchase agreement signed on December 29, 2023 and to ratify Chairperson Klein's signature on the purchase agreement signed on January 3, 2024. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Lynch, Kouba, Loeffelholz and Klein. Abstain: Maendele. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

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

<u>ROAD FUND</u>		
STATE OF NE-MOTOR FUELS	FUEL TAX	\$3,624.00

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve the following tax refund request submitted by County Treasurer Rohrich for Billy Jacks Pizza Pub Inc in the amount of \$5,842.57 for parcel number 310002658. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Lynch to accept the Clerk of the District Court December 2023 Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Lynch, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept the Buffalo County Treasurer December 2023 Fund Balance Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Loeffelholz to accept the November 2023 Community Action Partnership of Mid-Nebraska RYDE Report. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Loeffelholz, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Abstain: Kouba. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Maendele to re-appoint the following appointed officials for 2024: John Maul as the Highway Superintendent, Bret Stubbs as the Weed Superintendent, Lisa Poff as the Election Commissioner, Matthew Starkey as the Veteran's Service Officer, Stephen 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": Morrow, Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Buffalo County Chief Deputy Sheriff Daniel Schleusener was present to answer any questions. After discussion it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to approve a one year continuation of inmate telephone and communication systems contract with ViaPath per signed original contract in 2021. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Deputy County Attorney Andrew Hoffmeister arrived at 1:20 P.M.

Commissioner Maendele read into the record Recognition of Michael Morgan, the City Manager of the City of Kearney. After discussion it was moved by Maendele and seconded by Kouba to approve Resolution 2024-01 that recognizes the dedication of Michael Morgan as the City Manager of the City of Kearney. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Lynch, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-01

Buffalo County Resolution of Recognition of Michael Morgan, City Manager

WHEREAS, Michael Morgan was appointed by the Kearney City Council on January 10, 2005 and has provided nearly 20 years of leadership to the City of Kearney, and;

WHEREAS, Michael was willing to think outside the box, present ideas, bring the right people together to help make the right decision and take the right course of action, and;

WHEREAS, Michael has worked in a collaborative way, whether it was with the City Council, city management, or with the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, Buffalo County appreciates the hard work and dedication that Michael has provided over these past 20 years along with his vision to make the City of Kearney and Buffalo County the best place to live, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners hereby express our great appreciation for all of the hard work, accomplishments, and leadership of Michael Morgan as the City Manager of the City of Kearney, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners wish Michael and his family all the best as he transitions into his next endeavor.

Buffalo County Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development Leader Kerry Elsen provided an update from Extension Educator. In addition Elsen introduced her staff to the Board, Jordan Wilber as Extension Assistant 4-H Youth Development, Heidi Darby, Extension Assistant 4-H Youth Development and Jada Ruff as Extension Educator Food, Nutrition and Health.

Chairperson Klein reviewed the following correspondence. Berggren Architects sent a letter stating that they missed some of the Buffalo County Board members at the conference and sent them calendars which have been placed at their desk today. Two Rivers sent a December 2023 newsletter. City of Kearney sent a letter regarding Annexation of Arbor View Third with Resolution No. 2023-171. Chairperson Klein called on each Board member present for committee reports and recommendations.

ZONING

Zoning Administrator Dennise Daniels was present for the following Zoning agenda item.

Chairperson Klein opened the public hearing at 1:42 P.M. for a special use permit to erect a 385-foot guyed tower, with accompanying equipment for tax parcel 500197100. Curt Walter of Tillman Infrastructure was present to answer questions and Larry D. Wells, property owner spoke in favor. No one else addressed the Board and Chairperson Klein closed the hearing at 1:48 P.M. Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to approve Special Use Permit application for Andrew Dewhirst, on behalf of Larry D. Wells, Sole Member of Foothill Farms, L.L.C., to erect a 385-foot guyed tower, with accompanying equipment for tax parcel 500197100, described as Part of the Southeast Quarter, situated in Section Seventeen (17), Township Nine (9) North, Range Eighteen (18) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Buffalo County, Nebraska with the following Resolution 2024-02. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-02

WHEREAS, by Andrew Dewhirst, on behalf of Larry D. Wells, property owner and Sole Member of Foothill Farms, L.L.C., has filed for a Special Use Permit, with the Buffalo County Clerk and/or Zoning Administrator.

WHEREAS, one application, which shows an application date of October 20, 2023, and was filed with the Zoning Administrator on October 20, 2023, to erect 385-foot guyed tower, with accompanying equipment, on the below-described legal description.

LEASE AREA

BEING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS LEASE PARCEL LYING WITHIN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF BUFFALO, STATE OF NEBRASKA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER, S00°47'21"E, 1259.96 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID EAST LINE, S89°12'39"W 956.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S00°00'00"E, 78.87 FEET TO A POINT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "A"; THENCE CONTINUING S00°00'00"E, 6.13 FEET TO A POINT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "B"; THENCE CONTINUING S00°00'00"E, 15.00 FEET; THENCE S90°00'00"W, 100.00 FEET; THENCE N00°00'00"W, 21.12 FEET TO A POINT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "C"; THENCE CONTINUING N00°00'00"W 78.88 FEET; THENCE N90°00'00"E, 50.00 FEET TO A POINT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "D"; THENCE CONTINUING, N90°00'00"E, 50.00 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 10,000 SQUARE FEET OR 0.230 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

30-FOOT ACCESS/UTILITY EASEMENT

BEING A STRIP OF LAND 30.00 FEET IN WIDTH LYING WITHIN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF BUFFALO, STATE OF NEBRASKA, LYING 15.00 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

BEGINNING AT POINT "B" AS DESCRIBED ABOVE; THENCE N90°00'00"E, 21.00 FEET TO A POINT HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS POINT "E"; THENCE CONTINUING N90°00'00"E, 346.60 FEET; THENCE S69°06'20"E, 223.78 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TURKEY CREEK ROAD AND THE END OF SAID STRIP OF LAND.

EXCEPT ANY PORTION LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TURKEY CREEK ROAD.

25-FOOT ACCESS/UTILITY EASEMENT

BEING A STRIP OF LAND 25.00 FEET IN WIDTH LYING WITHIN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF BUFFALO, STATE OF NEBRASKA, LYING 12.50 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

BEGINNING AT A POINT "E" AS DESCRIBED ABOVE; THENCE N00°00'00"W, 32.50 FEET TO THE END OF SAID STRIP OF LAND.

UTILITY EASEMENTS

BEING THREE STRIPS OF LAND 30.00 FEET IN WIDTH LYING WITHIN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 18 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., COUNTY OF BUFFALO, STATE OF NEBRASKA, LYING 15.00 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINES:

(STRIP ONE)

BEGINNING AT POINT "A" AS DESCRIBED ABOVE; THENCE S60°00'00"E, 256.07 FEET TO THE END OF SAID STRIP OF LAND.

(STRIP TWO)

BEGINNING AT POINT "C" AS DESCRIBED ABOVE; THENCE S60°00'00"W, 256.06 FEET TO THE END OF SAID STRIP OF LAND.

(STRIP THREE)

BEGINNING AT POINT "D" AS DESCRIBED ABOVE; THENCE N00°00'00"W, 263.80 FEET TO THE END SAID STRIP OF LAND.

SIDELINES OF SAID STRIPS OF LAND ARE TO BE LENGTHENED AND/OR SHORTENED TO PREVENT GAPS AND/OR OVERLAPS.

hereinafter referred to as the “subject property”.

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2023, the Buffalo County Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a public hearing on the Special Use Permit Application. Thereafter, that Commission on an 8-0 vote with one absence and no abstentions, voted to forward this application to the County Commissioners with a “favorable” recommendation, and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on this Special Use Permit and,

WHEREAS, four exhibits were attached to the application:

1. The Application of the Special Use Permit.
2. Overview of Special Use Permit Application.
3. Topographic Survey.
4. Tillman Infrastructure Project Scope.
5. Fall Zone Certification.
6. Assessor Data from gWorks (GIS source).

WHEREAS, only a simple majority is required by this Board to approve this Special Use Permit because no protests against issuance of this permit have been filed, and

WHEREAS, the Board, after public hearing and review of the Special Use application, finds that the application should be approved, based upon the following findings and conditions:

- The application has been submitted for the construction of a 385-foot self-support tower, with accompanying equipment.
- The proposed tower and accompanying equipment will be situated on a 100-foot by 100-foot leased area.
- Applicant’s entrance to the property is noted on the Tillman Infrastructure, Overall Site Plan as a 30-foot access and utility easement.
- There will be three additional 30-foot Guy Wire Easements notated on the Tillman Infrastructure, Overall Site Plan.
- A sign should be constructed at the entryway of the premises on Turkey Creek Road. The sign should give a street address for public safety reasons such as 911 emergency addressing and for public information. The address assigned to the tower location is 7370 Turkey Creek Road.
- The subject property abuts on the west side of Turkey Creek Road, which is a county-maintained road.
- The facility shall have a back-up generator of sufficient size to handle applicant or applicant’s successor’s power to maintain communications in event of public power outage. Such generator shall be capable of handling public communications at the same historic delivery rate as that provided by public power usage.

WHEREAS, this special use permit complies with Section 6.2 of Buffalo County’s Zoning Regulations because with the below stated conditions contained in this Resolution, the requested use/structure(s) would:

1. Be compatible with and similar to the use permitted in the district, and
2. Not be a matter which should require re-zoning of the property, and
3. Not be detrimental to adjacent property, and
4. Not tend to depreciate the value of the surrounding structures or property, and
5. Be compatible with the stated intended use of the district, and
6. Not change the character of the district, and
7. Be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY THE BUFFALO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS by a majority vote of its members, approves the applicants’ requested Special Use Permit, subject, however, to the following:

1. The facility, and applicant, shall adhere to the conditions as previously set out in this Resolution.
2. The facility shall remain in compliance with any and all State and Federal regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board reserves the power to revoke such special use permit for failure to comply with such terms, conditions and requirements, or take such other action as it may deem necessary to obtain compliance. If the Zoning Administrator or any two members of this Board find at any time that the terms, conditions and requirements of this special use permit have not been complied with, or that any phase thereof has not been completed within the time required under said special use permit or any amendment thereto, the Zoning Administrator or any two members of this Board shall report this fact to the County Commissioners, and thereafter this Board may conduct review of compliance by public hearing with notice given to applicant(s) and/or entity using the subject property. Following such public meeting this Board may take any action it may deem necessary to secure compliance including revocation and termination of this special use permit

RESOLVED FURTHER that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed against the subject property as described above.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 1:50 P.M. and reconvene as a Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Chairperson Klein called the Board of Equalization to order in open session. County Assessor Roy Meusch and County Treasurer Rohrich were present.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Maendele to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by former County Treasurer Rohrich for Christian Fellowship on 2018 Ford Transit 350 Van. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Maendele, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Maendele and seconded by Lynch to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for First United Methodist Church of Kearney on a 1996 Ford Cutaway Van, a 2010 Ford Cutaway Van, a 2013 Chevrolet Express G3500 and a 2015 Ford Turtle Top Shuttle. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Maendele, Lynch, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Lynch and seconded by Morrow to approve Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption renewal as indicated on the application by County Treasurer Rohrich for New Life Assembly on a 2012 Ford 12 Passenger Shuttle. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Lynch, Morrow, Kouba, Loeffelholz, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Morrow and seconded by Loeffelholz to approve Tax List Corrections numbered 4996 through 5008 submitted by County Assessor Meusch. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Morrow, Loeffelholz, Kouba, Lynch, Maendele and Klein. Absent: Higgins. 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 1:54 P.M. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent John Maul was present for the following agenda items.

Moved by Kouba and seconded by Lynch to approve the purchase of two new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Pickups for use by the Buffalo County Highway Dept from Husker Auto Group of Lincoln, NE. Purchase price each is \$47,899.00 which is state bid price. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Kouba, Lynch, Loeffelholz, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

Moved by Loeffelholz and seconded by Lynch to write off the account of Tyler Bovenzi that has been deemed uncollectable because owner of vehicle (Tyler Bovenzi) has no insurance and correspondence that was sent to him came back to us as No Mail Receptacle Unable to Forward. Total of write off is \$145.55. Upon roll call vote, the following Board members voted "Aye": Loeffelholz, Lynch, Kouba, Maendele, Morrow and Klein. Absent: Higgins. Motion declared carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Chairperson Klein asked if there was anything else to come before the Board at 2:08 P.M. before he declared the meeting adjourned until the regular meeting on Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

Ivan H. Klein, Chairperson
Buffalo County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Heather A. Christensen
Buffalo County Clerk