



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 22, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 22nd day of February, 2022 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Anthony Whitmore, Tony Krafka, Scot Bauer, David Mach, Jan Sypal, Robert Coufal, and Ryan Svoboda.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof, by Publication, a designated method for giving notice, as shown by the Proof of Publication attached to the minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to all members of the board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.

The Chairman declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as presented.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding allowing Karey Adamy, County Treasurer to stay overnight in Norfolk for the Treasurers Conference June 7th through June 9th

Moved by Mach and seconded by Sypal to allow Karey Adamy, County Treasurer to stay overnight in Norfolk for the Treasurers Conference June 7th through June 9th. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding allowing Vickie Donoghue & Sarah Strizek, County Assessor & Deputy County Assessor to stay overnight in Norfolk for the Assessors Conference August 29th through September 1st

Moved by Mach and seconded by Bauer to allow Vickie Donoghue & Sarah Strizek, County Assessor & Deputy County Assessor to stay overnight in Norfolk for the Assessors Conference August 29th through September 1st. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Claims

Moved by Mach and seconded by Svoboda to pay all the claims except the Wex Bank Claims. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Mach and seconded by Svoboda to pay the Wex Bank Claims. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Abstain: Sypal. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Bauer and seconded by Coufal to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:05 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Sypal and seconded by Coufal to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:07 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.



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Committee Reports

Whitmore reported that the ARPA Committee met this morning to start discussing options for spending the ARPA funds. They are waiting on quotes for a few items. Krafka mentioned that Polk County is using some of the funds to build a tower.

Bauer reported that the Village of Garrison is holding a meeting to discuss the tornado sirens this evening which is why the topic was removed from the County's agenda at this time.

Certificates of Service Presentation

Chairman Whitmore presented County Attorney, Julie Reiter a Certificate of Service for 15 years of service. He also presented Clerk of the District Court, Sandy Hoeft, a Certificate of Service for 35 years of service.

Noxious Weed Superintendent, Max Birkel, reported to the board that at his annual NWCA meeting he was presented with certificates of service for the County. He presented Dave Mach with a Certificate of Service for 20 years of Service from the NWCA. Birkel was also given a certificate for 10 years of service. Birkel also received the Outstanding Weed Superintendent award for Region One.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the Sheriff impound yard cover for the fence

Sheriff Tom Dion presented before the board that it will cost \$359.68 for the cover for the impound fence. He will need 5 panels of 6 ft by 50 ft and 2 panels of 6 ft by 25 ft. Moved by Mach and seconded by Svoboda to approve the Sheriff purchasing the covers for the impound yard. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the Detention Center's HVAC System

Sypal discussed that she had talked to Ken Pelan, building and grounds maintenance, about getting quotes to get the HVAC system cleaned. She understood that it probably has not been done since the new addition was built. She said that Kenny was working on getting quotes to have it done.

Nebraska 4 – H Month Presentation

Becca Podolak & Rachel Fuxa appeared before the board to present about Nebraska 4-H Month. Becca is an 8th grader at Aquinas. Rachel Fuxa is the Butler County Ag Extension 4-H Assistant.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the Detention Center's HVAC System

Pelan joined the meeting and discussed that he received one quote so far from Midwest Duct Defense in the amount of \$9,950. He had reached out to two other companies but had not heard back. The board asked him to get at least one more quote for the project.

Discussion

Whitmore discussed with the board that he went to the Ulysses Township and Plum Creek Township meetings recently and at the Plum Creek meeting showed him a letter that Seward County sends out to people regarding tree removal and the statutes. He said he had discussed with Randy Isham, Highway Superintendent but wanted to show the board as well.

Ag Extension and RPN Position Announcements

Carrie Gottschalk, Nebraska Extension Engagement Zone Coordinator, appeared before the board to discuss the vacancies in Ag Extension. The first being the Rural Prosperity Extension Educator which was previously held by Kurt Mantonya. The second position is Ag Extension Educator which is staffed currently by Melissa Bartels, who will be leaving Butler County and transferring to Lancaster County. The university will work to fill both positions as quickly as possible.



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Discussion regarding lake being built by Dale Johnson on the East side of Highway 81, South of the Platte River

Bill Goedeken appeared before the board to discuss his concern regarding a lake being built by Dale Johnson. The board informed Mr. Goedeken while they understand his concern, they do not have any authority, the authority would fall either to the State because the culvert he is concerned about is on the State right of way or he could contact the local NRD regarding the natural flow of the water.

At 9:38 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 9:43 a.m. the board reconvened.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the Interlocal Agreement with Ulysses Township

Randy Isham, Highway Superintendent, presented the board with an interlocal agreement that renews the current agreement with Ulysses Township, nothing changed, however, it needs to be renewed annually. Moved by Krafka and seconded by Bauer to approve the interlocal agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham updated the board that he has almost completed the plumbing repairs at the Old Hwy Department, the shingles have been repaired on the roof also. He reported that they are using rip rap to fix issues caused by the rivers along the roads. He informed the board he is having issues getting air filters for their NuStar trucks, it's apparently a nation-wide problem. He said that if the weather continues to be warm, he will have the dirt crews out digging out ditches again in the next few weeks.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding possibly outsourcing 911 Emergency Communications Center

Krafka reported to the board that since the last meeting Myndi Petersen had gotten him the call log of dispatch and he forwarded it on to Rachel Pensick with the Columbus 911 Communications Center. County Attorney, Julie Reiter, reported to the board that she has been in contact with Rachel regarding outsourcing and training for 911 dispatchers. She informed the board that she forwarded an email to the board and to Sheriff Dion and Petersen that had links that pertained to training. She said that training a new employee as a dispatcher costs the county approximately \$888; this needs to be done and needs to be enforced. Supervisors shared the concerns they've been hearing from fire departments. Reiter commented she has her own concerns as do some of the law enforcement personnel. Moved by Krafka and seconded by Bauer to continue the process of looking into outsourcing the 911 Communications Center. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

A committee was setup to further research the option; the committee consists of Sheriff Dion, 911 Coordinator Myndi Petersen, Detention Administrator Angie Siebken, Supervisors Krafka and Whitmore, Columbus 911 Representative Rachel Pensick, Bellwood Fire Chief Matthew Gangwish and Julie Reiter. There is a mutual aid meeting, Wednesday, February 23, where Gangwish will ask if anyone else would like to be on the committee. Whitmore said he would speak to Emergency Manager Mark Doehling to see if he would like to be a part of the committee. Additional information will be presented at a later date.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be March 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman