



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 4, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 4th day of April, 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.

Taxes Not Sold for Want of Bidders

County Treasurer, Karey Adamy, presented the board with a list of unsold taxes, this report was accepted and placed on file.

Authorization to Issue County Certificates

County Treasurer, Karey Adamy, requested authorization to issue county certificates on unsold taxes. Moved by Sypal and seconded by Coufal to issue county certificates on unsold taxes. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Floodplain Update

Breann Whitmore, Floodplain Administrator, updated the board that she has had multiple requests to build and due to the floodplain layout drastically changing the requests have been in floodways. She has had to deny the permits. Whitmore also informed the board that she has done approximately 4 hours of training so far this year.

HR Update

Heidi Loges, Human Resources Director, appeared before the board and introduced Leigh Edwards, Interim-911 Coordinator. There have been approximately 8-10 applications that have been submitted for the position and they will look to start calling applicants later this week.

County Clerk monthly fee report

The County Clerk fee report for the month of March 2022 was accepted and placed on file.

Clerk of the District Court monthly fee report

The Clerk of the District Court fee report for the month of March 2022 was accepted and placed on file.

Sheriff Monthly Report

The Monthly Sheriff Report for March 2022 was presented before the board. It was accepted and placed on file.



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Certificates of Service Presentation

Chairman Whitmore presented Leigh Edwards with a Certificate of Service for 5 years of Service with Butler County. Whitmore also presented Tim Vrana with a Certificate of Service for 15 years of Service with Butler County.

Approval of Early payroll for Terminated Employees

Moved by Mach and seconded by Svoboda to approve the early payroll for terminated employees. 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 Senior Center Claim to replenish petty cash due to unforeseen expense

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, explained that the Senior Center had an unexpected/unforeseen expenditure in the amount of \$318.57 that they had to pay for out of their petty cash which has a total balance of \$400. This expenditure ties up the majority of their petty cash and Senior Center Director, Diana McDonald, had asked if they could submit a claim early to replenish the petty cash. Moved by Coufal and seconded by Sypal to approve the claim as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Coufal, Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Expenditures Report for July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022

The expenditure report for July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 was presented to the board. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Public hearing for the 1 & 6 Road Plan

Moved by Mach and seconded by Bauer to open the public hearing for the 1 & 6 Road Plan at 9:16 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Randy Isham, Highway Superintendent, explained the 1- & 6-year Road Plan to the board and presented a schedule along with estimates for bridges that need to be done in the near future.

Moved by Bauer and seconded by Mach to close the public hearing at 9:30 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.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding a utility permit for Doug Romshek to tile drain into ditch on Road F just south of Road 43 on the west side of the road

Moved by Krafka and seconded by Coufal to approve the utility permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, Mach, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham said after the rain this last week there were a few issues, however, they are hauling gravel to the trouble spots and getting them fixed. They are cleaning ditches along the landfill road. He mentioned again that if he could somehow get the money back into his budget for the reimbursement of culverts, that would help him out a lot. Laska said since the last meeting she spoke to the Seward County Clerk about their Road budget, and she said that when they bill for a culvert the money goes back into the Road Fund and adds to the net fund balance for the next year. Laska explained that is how it works in Butler County as well. Isham said that his budget is fine now, but when the gravel tickets start rolling in it will be close.

Correspondence

Supervisor Krafka told the board that Chuck Hassebrook has been sending out letters to farmers in his area regarding purchasing Right of Ways for their solar panel project.



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Discussion/Possible Action regarding Interlocal Agreement to create the Lower Platte Weed Management Area, a separate legal entity

Noxious Weed Superintendent, Max Birkel appeared before the board to discuss an interlocal agreement that would add Washington County to the Lower Platte Weed Management Area. Moved by Mach and seconded by Sypal to approve the addition of Washington County and approve the interlocal agreement. 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 – letters of objection regarding proposed changes to State of Nebraska regulation pertaining to phragmites and wastewater treatment systems

Birkel also asked the board to submit letters of objection regarding proposed changes to the State of Nebraska regulation pertaining phragmites and wastewater treatment systems. Birkel said that they were not in favor of the change because how do you treat for phragmites on the outside of the facility and allow it on the inside. Moved by Bauer and seconded by Coufal to sign the letters of objection. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Birkel updated the board regarding the letter of support for LB 805 that was sent to Senators Bostelman and Kolterman. He said that it has moved to final reading, and they are hopeful it will pass.

Committee Reports

The ARPA committee has been meeting with different groups who are requesting funds from the ARPA fund. The board discussed how that the committee should bring their recommendations to the board for them to decide and they asked Laska to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Svoboda reported that they are still trying to work with Region V regarding the lease and getting it updated.

Bauer informed the board that Garrison has ordered their siren and applied for a grant.

The Butler County Development board has met and talked about the new developments coming to David City.

Coufal and Sypal mentioned at the hospital meeting they are still discussing expanding to the north and purchasing property.

The committee has reached out to AGP regarding a meeting but nothing has been set.

Correspondence

1. Blue Valley Community Action Agenda – Laska explained it didn't show up until after the last meeting and that it was for March 15
2. SENDD Annual Report
3. Sypal received a letter from Frank Eckstein

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be April 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman