



# Butler County Board Minutes



## BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 2, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Anthony Whitmore, Tony Krafska, 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 change in protocols for gun permits & title inspections**

Leigh Edwards, interim 911 Coordinator, appeared before the board to discuss how the money is handled for gun permits and title inspections. She explained that dispatch runs the titles to verify the vehicles are not stolen and they run the individuals' names for gun permits to verify they are not a felon. She said that would not change, however, the money is the Sheriff's department responsibility, and she does not feel as though the dispatchers should handle the money when ultimately that falls under the Sheriff's Department responsibilities. Moved by Sypal and seconded by Svoboda that the Sheriff should handle the money for gun permits and title inspections; dispatch will continue to verify the information for both. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafska, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)**

Moved by Mach and seconded by Bauer to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:08 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafska, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Mach and seconded by Coufal to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:10 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafska, Bauer and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

### **Discussion/Possible Action regarding approval of ARPA Funds request approvals for the Emergency Management Tower**

Emergency Manager Mark Doehling appeared before the board and asked to move this topic to the next meeting on May 16, 2022; he was unable to get an updated quote for the tower since the last meeting. Concern from the public regarding studies and the need for this tower were brought before the board, as a result a committee was set up consisting of Supervisors Sypal and Coufal, Doehling, Scott Steager, Rick Schneider, Matt Gangwish and Bob McLaughlin.

### **Region V Systems Annual Update**

C.J. Johnson, Region V Systems Regional Administrator, appeared via zoom before the board to give the Region V Systems annual update.



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## **Discussion/Possible action regarding the Roads Department ARPA fund request**

Whitmore explained that Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, came before the ARPA committee to discuss the funding and request funds for bridges and culverts. His initial request was for \$750,000. The ARPA committee is recommending the county approve \$500,000 of the ARPA funds for Bridges and Culverts only. Moved by Mach and seconded by Bauer to approve the request of \$500,000 of the ARPA funds for the Roads Department, they can use it on Bridges & Culverts only. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

## **Update on Roads**

Isham informed the board that he has been out checking roads with the rain that the county has received, and the roads seem to be holding up well. There are a few spots that have needed gravel and they will be getting the gravel this week. Isham discussed with the board some phone calls he had received in the last week and over the weekend regarding the chicken houses and the haul route that the townships and the Chicken houses had discussed. He said that there was never a haul route agreement signed between the chicken houses and the county, therefore, he has no enforcement authority on the public roads. Isham also said they are almost done cleaning ditches on the landfill road and they've also been cleaning some ditches in Alexis Township.

## **Discussion regarding the Champ MEC Plan**

Eric Hancock, Anchor Insurance appeared before the board; he said he was not there to replace the county's health insurance, he was there to present a plan to enhance the plan the county has. He presented information regarding the Champ MEC Plan Anchor insurance has to offer. He said if the board has questions, he could come back to a meeting to discuss those questions at a later date.

## **Discussion/Possible action regarding hiring the 911 Coordinator**

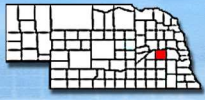
The 911 coordinator committee recommended the hiring of Jeff Timmerman as the new 911 Coordinator, and they recommend his wage to be \$26 per hour. Moved by Mach and seconded by Coufal to hire Jeff Timmerman as the Butler County 911 Coordinator at \$26 per hour. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: Sypal. Motion carried.

## **Discussion/Possible action – Approval to pay for dispatcher training software APCO EMD**

Leigh Edwards, Interim 911 Coordinator appeared before the board to discuss training for the dispatchers. She reported that training will be mandatory in the future, and they are trying to get ahead of the curve. She also said that there are funds in the 911 Wireless Savings account that they can use, however, they need to get permission from the Public Service Commission. The quote from APCO EMD is approximately \$30,000; the board asked her to get informal quotes from the other two vendors before they make a decision. When she has the other quotes the board will discuss again.

## **Discussion/Possible action regarding ending the Zuercher contract**

Chairman Whitmore presented that he and Supervisor Bauer, Sheriff Dion, and several of his staff members and Leigh Edwards met with Justice Data Solutions (JDS) regarding their software package that could replace the current software and Zuercher. He explained that the investment would be significantly less than Zuercher and that JDS is compliant with Nebraska Jail Standards and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Whitmore also reported that the county had paid approximately \$93,000 to Zuercher and still owed around \$23,000. The question today is do we continue and stay with Zuercher or does the county make the switch to JDS. It was discussed that Butler County is in an interlocal agreement and they are bound to that interlocal and the fees set forth in that agreement for 60 months. Employees from Seward and York County were present to discuss Zuercher and how it is working for their counties. Both counties agreed it has been a long process, but now that they are live and working with the software, they are very comfortable with it. Moved by Krafka and seconded by Sypal to stay with Zuercher. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Mach and Sypal. The following voted nay: Bauer, Coufal, Svoboda, and Whitmore. Motion fails.



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The board decided they had more questions for JDS and Zuercher and would like the topic on the next agenda May 16, 2022.

At 10:58 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 11:06 a.m. the board reconvened.

## **Discussion**

The board called the President of Justice Data Solutions for some clarifications regarding the bid they submitted.

## **Annual American Rescue Plan Act Reporting Update**

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, reported before the board that the ARPA annual filing that the county is required to do annually was submitted on April 22, 2022.

## **Discussion/Possible action regarding the NACO Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health & Dental Renewal**

The board reviewed the health and dental insurance renewal that was received from NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield. The renewal includes a 17.14% increase in health insurance and a 5.87% increase in dental insurance. County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, informed the board that they have limited time to respond to this renewal. She also said that if the board wanted to shop prices that she would suggest that they accept the current renewal and then send out for bids similar to what they did last year. Moved by Krafka and seconded by Mach to approve and accept the NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield Renewal. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer and seconded by Sypal to send out for health insurance bids and open them on June 21, 2021. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Mach. The following voted aye: NONE. Motion carried.

## **Executive Session for the purpose of discussing dispatching**

Moved by Sypal and seconded by Mach to move into executive session and invite Sheriff Tom Dion for the purpose of discussing dispatching at 11:31 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Coufal and seconded by Bauer to exit the executive session at 11:46 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Coufal, Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

1. City of David City – Public Hearing Notice on May 25, 2022

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska  
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore  
Chairman