



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 5, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 5th day of July, 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, and Ryan Svoboda. Absent: Robert Coufal.

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.

The Chairman asked for a moment of Silence for the Family of Supervisor Coufal and the passing of his father.

Aging Partners Annual Report and Funding Request

Jill Engle and Kay Wenzel appeared before the board and presented the Aging partners annual report. The 2022-2023 funding request is \$25,173: a 2.44% increase over the previous year.

Discussion/Possible Action – authorize chairman to sign the subaward between City of Lincoln, Aging Partners & Butler County for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

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

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of James Arthur Vineyards Special Designated License for July 14, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

County Clerk monthly fee report

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

Sheriff Monthly Report

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

Discussion/Possible Action regarding the proceeds from sale of county property to the Village of Shelby

The Butler County Health Care Center(BCHCC) had originally paid for the Shelby Clinic and had provided proof at a previous meeting. County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, informed the board that they had discussed the proceeds going back



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to the BCHCC; however, they had never voted on it. Moved by Mach, seconded by Krafka to approve transfer of the proceeds to the Butler County Health Care Center. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Salt Mine City Brewing Co Special Designated License for July 14, 2022 from 4:00 pm. to 10:00 p.m.

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

Discussion/Possible action regarding approval of Memorandum of Understanding between each Fire District regarding the ARPA funds

Laska, informed the board that she had made updates to the MOU; however, because she sent it late Friday for review to the County Attorney, she did not have it back for their approval. The topic was tabled until July 18, 2022.

Consideration of Audit Engagement with the Auditor of Public Accounts

Moved by Svoboda, seconded by Mach to authorize the chairman to sign the Audit Engagement with the Auditor of Public Accounts. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Svoboda, Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

The Law Enforcement Committee will be meeting with the City of David City to discuss the law enforcement contract; the county was notified the City will be terminating the current contract.

ARPA committee informed the board they received the second tranche of funds since the last meeting.

At 9:26 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 9:30 a.m. the board reconvened.

Update on Roads

Assistant Highway Superintendent, Jim Novacek, updated the board on the status of the roads and updated on the projects the department is currently working on. Supervisor Svoboda informed Novacek that there was a lot of debris along the Landfill Road including wood, shingles, and nails. Novacek said they would get the magnet out there as soon as they could.

County Attorney, Julie Reiter, mentioned she had received a complaint from the public regarding a garbage truck that had debris flying out of it. The landfill committee said they would reach out to the Landfill to make sure their trucks are covered and secure.

Approval of Region V Lease agreement

County Attorney, Julie Reiter, informed the board that the lease had been updated since it was last discussed and that she has reviewed it. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to approve the lease as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action regarding County Road M & Highway 64

Dennis Kucera appeared before the board to discuss the safety issue he has observed at the intersection of County Road M and Highway 64. He expressed his great concern for traffic turning to head west. He explained there is rise in the road which causes issue with visibility of oncoming traffic. He asked the board to discuss his concern and do what they can to



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get it fixed. He suggested a sign being installed. The board thanked him for coming and said they would speak with the Highway Superintendent.

At 9:54 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 10:00 a.m. the board reconvened.

Discussion/Possible action – Bone Creek Museum campaign request for ARPA funds

The ARPA committee explained that Bone Creek Museum has requested \$25,000 of ARPA funds. The committee is recommending \$20,000 to the Bone Creek Museum. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Mach to approve \$20,000 for the Bone Creek Museum campaign. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

At 10:07 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 10:11 a.m. the board reconvened.

Discussion

Whitmore updated the board regarding Zuercher, he said that they are asking the County for \$20,000 to come out and train the staff; Whitmore stated that he has a contact now and has spoken to them regarding the request for training. He is waiting to hear back regarding negotiating the fees.

Discussion/Possible Action – Nextlink Internet Letter of Support Request

Claude Aiken, Chief Strategy Officer with Nextlink Internet presented before the board. Upon conclusion of the presentation, he requested a Letter of Support from the Board for the grant application they have recently turned into the Public Service Commission for the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. Moved by Mach, seconded by Krafka to approve the letter of support request and sign the letter presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action acceptance of Health Insurance Bids

The insurance committee explained to the board that they are recommending approving the NACO Aetna bid. Moving from Blue Cross Blue Shield will save the county approximately \$215,000 over the NACO BCBS renewal cost. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Mach to approve the NACO Aetna insurance bid. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 10:46 a.m.

The board reconvened at 12:59 p.m.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Mach to move into the Board of Equalization at 1:00 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Mach to exit the Board of Equalization at 2:28 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Coufal. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be July 18, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.



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Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman