



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

November 7, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 7th day of November 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 – Veteran’s Service Officer retirement and replacement

Don Prochaska appeared before the board to discuss the hiring process for a new Veteran’s Service Officer. He said they will be doing 2nd interviews this week and have two candidates. He asked for the boards blessing to hire the best candidate and get their training started as soon as possible. There is a class that starts on November 14th that is only offered every 6 months, so they wanted to get them going right away. Moved by Mach and seconded by Coufal to approve the VSO hire to allow them to start training right away. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Approval of Employee Appreciation option

Vickie Donoghue, County Assessor, appeared before the board; she explained that each year there is the option to do an employee appreciation party or to give each current employee \$25 Chamber Bucks as employee appreciation. The Chamber Bucks option has been chosen for several years due to the lack of attendance to the party. Therefore, she is asking the board to approve the Chamber Bucks and she her office will oversee getting them disbursed. Moved by Mach, seconded by Svoboda to approve \$25 of Chamber Bucks for each County employee for Employee Appreciation. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Discussion

Chairman Whitmore mentioned to the rest of the Board that November 14th is County Government Day and since there is not a meeting, he asked if two other board members would join him next Monday to meet with the students. Whitmore, Coufal and Sypal will meet with the students on Monday.

Certificates of Service Presentation

Chairman Whitmore presented Certificates of Service to Theresa Dion for 20 years of service.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

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



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Clerk of the District Court Monthly Fee Report

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

Monthly Sheriff Report

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

Authorize the board chairman to sign the hospital license renewal application

Moved by Mach and seconded by Bauer to authorize the board chairman to sign the hospital license renewal application. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Approval of early payroll for separated employees

Early payroll for two employees from the Roads Department was presented before the board. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve the early payroll as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Distress Warrants

County Treasurer, Karey Adamy, presented before the board the 2022 Distress Warrant Listing. These were issued on November 1, 2022 and given to the Sheriff to collect. The list was accepted and placed on file.

Approval of Official Bond and Oath/Michael Rerucha – Skull Creek Township

Moved by Mach, seconded by Sypal to approve the bond and oath as presented. 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 – setting up 911 Coordinator Committee

The board discussed the need for a committee that meets with the 911 Coordinator regularly like the Road & Bridge Committee. Whitmore said that since he and Bauer are liaisons, they would be on the committee; Coufal was designated as the third member. Moved by Svoboda, seconded by Sypal to assign Whitmore, Bauer, and Coufal as the 911 Coordinator Committee. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafka, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Saunders County for Snow Removal on 1.75 miles of 39 Road (Prague Hwy)

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

Discussion/possible action – utility permit for Paul Janak for tile crossing ½ mile north of Road 23 on Road I

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to approve the utility permit 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.

Discussion/Possible Action – Receiving bids on a pickup

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, discussed with the board his need for trucks and the lack of bids the last time he sent them out. He said he will try to find what he needs on federal and state surplus, however, if necessary, he may have to republish. He will put this topic on the agenda at later date.

Update on Roads

Isham said that they are still hauling some gravel, however, they are going to slow down and start stockpiling. They are still cleaning ditches and will be moving to County Road 41 and clean out the ditches from Abie to Octavia.

Discussion on GeoComm Contract and Services /Possible Action if necessary



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County Attorney, Julie Reiter, explained she had put this on the agenda because of past due payments to GeoComm. GeoComm Representative Stacen Gross appeared before the board to explain the need for the services provided by GeoComm. He provided the board with a maintenance agreement that lapsed October 1, 2021; that needs to be renewed. He discussed an initial invoice that was due from 2019 as well as a subscription contract that engages GeoComm from February 2023 through January 2026.

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer to approve the GeoComm GIS Maintenance Services annual contract for \$5,244. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve the GeoComm GIS Contract through January 31, 2026, for \$20,978. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

At 10:06 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

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

Human Resources Update

Human Resources Director, Heidi Loges, presented a NIRMA dividend check for \$4,418. She received it at the annual NIRMA conference. She told the board that it was a great meeting to attend and encouraged the board to attend in the future.

Discussion

Whitmore informed the board that Floodplain Administrator, Breann Whitmore, has not issued a permit in a very long time, which is why she has not appeared before the board to give them an update.

Committee Reports

Law Enforcement Committee said they were notified by the City that they are putting a hold on negotiations for a while.

Correspondence

1. Lower Platte North Fall 2022 update
2. Veteran Service Officer, Joey Ossian – Retirement Letter
3. Blue Valley Community Action Agenda – November 15, 2022

911 Coordinator, performance evaluation (Executive Session)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to move into executive session at 10:15 a.m. for the 911 Coordinator's performance evaluation, inviting in April Ernst, Human Resources Director, Heidi Loges, and County Attorney Julie Reiter. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Mach to exit the executive session at 11:16 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 - Update on Zuercher System and Addendum to Interlocal Agreement

Reiter informed the board that there will be an addendum to the Interlocal Agreement to add the City of Milford; she asked if they saw a problem with that since Milford is within Seward County; they agreed it would be a good addition. Reiter also encouraged the board to get involved with implementation of the Zuercher program. Alexis Buresh, Sheriff Office Manager, gave a synopsis of the progress the last few months. The 911 Coordinator Committee said they will get together with Ernst to go through what needs to still be done on the 911 side.



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At 11:39 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 11:42 a.m. the board reconvened.

HR Update on Employee Complaints (Executive Session)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to move into executive session at 11:43 a.m. for a Human Resources Update on Employee Complaints, inviting in Heidi Loges, Human Resources and Julie Reiter, County Attorney. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Mach, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Mach, seconded by Coufal to exit the executive session at 12:26 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on November 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman