



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 5, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 5th day of December 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 W. 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.

Certificates of Service Presentation & Supervisor Plaque Presentation

Chairman Whitmore presented Certificates of Service to Sandra Archuleta for 10 years of service, Zach Pilcher for 5 years of service and Ken Pelan for 35 years of service.

Chairman Whitmore presented David Mach with a plaque for his 20 years of service to Butler County as a Butler County Board of Supervisor in District 1.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

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

Monthly Sheriff Report

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

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

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Mach to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:06 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafska, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Set Date & Time for Special Joint Meeting with the City of David City

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to set the date and time for the joint special meeting with the City of David City for December 21, 2022 at 7 p.m. located at the City of David City 490 E Street, David City, Nebraska. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Coufal, Sypal, Mach, Bauer, Krafska, Svoboda, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.



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Human Resources Update

Human Resources Director, Heidi Loges, informed the board there was a retirement potluck for Mary Ann Kroeger and she thanked Louise Niemann from the Extension office for organizing it.

Approval of Early payroll for separated employee

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

Discussion/Possible action regarding Interlocal Agreement between the City of Schuyler and the County of Colfax regarding the purchase of Patrol Canine Riggs

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

Discussion/Possible action regarding the approval of hiring Erin Robinson as the new Veteran's Service Officer

Moved by Mach, seconded by Bauer to approve the hiring of Erin Robinson as the new Veteran's Service Officer. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Discussion

Bauer explained that he and Whitmore attended a meeting with a few Polk County Supervisors, the Polk County Highway Superintendent and Randy Isham, the Butler County Highway Superintendent. The meeting included the Arlan Miller family regarding land they own and the possibility of rerouting a county road through their land instead of replacing a bridge over the Big Blue River. The initial meeting was to see if the family would agree to a survey. It was found out later the family isn't interested in the project. Now the decision will be to replace the bridge which is estimated to cost around \$700,000 or close the road.

Discussion

Krafka mentioned that the Village of Bellwood had previously looked at buying the road groom from the county, however they didn't; he said they may be reaching out about grading the far west road of Bellwood. Isham mentioned to Krafka that they would need to have an interlocal agreement between the County or Township; whichever they choose to go with, either way they would either have an hourly payment per month or an annual payment.

At 9:25 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

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

Discussion/Possible action – Interlocal agreement with the City of David City for snow/ice removal on road 35 from Road O west to the city limits

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, discussed with the board the future need of an interlocal agreement with the City of David City. He discussed the necessity of clearing and salting the road up to the Timpfe entrance because that is where they can safely turn around, but also the liability of making sure that road is safe to travel. The board agreed with his concerns and said that once he has the agreement to bring it to them for a vote.

Discussion/Possible action – utility permit for Osantowski Brothers Tile Outlet, the NE ¼ corner of the NE ¼, Section 16 of Alexis Township

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.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2022 – 27 Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent From 2022



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Moved by Mach, seconded by Coufal to approve the resolution 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.

[Resolution 2022 – 27 is available to be viewed in the Clerk's office upon request]

Update on Roads

Isham said they are still cleaning ditches and they are stockpiling gravel. He said they will be cleaning up trees in the Right of Ways that the county owns. He told the board he will discuss road classifications at the next meeting; he gave the board a handout to review ahead of time.

Lower Platte North Natural Resources District, Discussion/Possible action regarding using federal funding from the Natural Resources District for improving or building bridges in Butler County

Bob Hilger and Joe Birkel appeared before the board to discuss funding that Lower Platte North NRD has available and the need to address Skull Creek and the flow of water. They informed the board of a study that was done 30-40 years ago and that the need to revisit the plan and get a new plan in place so the funds that are available can be spent. They said the first step to this process before any money is spent is getting a committee together; the committee should be board members and landowners in the Skull Creek area. A committee was discussed by the board; Dave Mach and Ryan Svoboda will be on the committee since Skull Creek is in their Districts.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on December 19, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman