



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 5, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 5th day of January, 2023 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 8:30 a.m.

Present were the following: Anthony Whitmore, Tony Krafka, Scot Bauer, Scott Steager, 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.

Stephanie L. Laska, County Clerk, called the meeting to order and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.

A moment of silence was requested to be observed for Randy Niemann, Richardson Township Board member who recently passed.

Certificates of Election for Scott Steager, Scot Bauer, Jan Sypal and Anthony Whitmore were presented for the board's review and will be filed in the office of the County Clerk.

The County Clerk called for nominations for a Temporary Chairman.

Election of Chairperson for 2023

Supervisor Steager nominated Anthony Whitmore for Temporary Chairperson; Supervisor Coufal seconded the nomination. Laska called for any other nominations, no other nominations were made.

Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to cease nominations for temporary chairperson and cast a unanimous ballot for Anthony Whitmore as Temporary Chairman. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, & Bauer

Voted nay: NONE

Abstained: Whitmore

Motion carried.

Temporary Chairperson Whitmore called for nominations for Chairperson for 2023. Supervisor Bauer nominated Anthony Whitmore, seconded by Sypal. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Sypal to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Anthony Whitmore as Chairperson for 2023. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE

Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2023

Chairman Whitmore asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Krafka nominated Scott Steager, seconded by Bauer. Svoboda nominated Jan Sypal. Whitmore called for any other nominations. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to cease nominations.

After secret ballot was taken, the votes were tallied, and Scott Steager was declared the Vice-Chairperson for the Board of Supervisors for 2023.



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Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to destroy secret ballots. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

The Chairman declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as presented.

Appointment of Committees

The board reviewed the committees and liaisons list for 2023.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal to set the committees and liaisons as listed below. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE.
 Motion carried.

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2023 COMMITTEES

CHAIRMAN	Whitmore
VICE CHAIRMAN	Steager
REGION V	Svoboda, Sypal
BLUE VALLEY	Krafka
FOUR CORNERS DISTRICT HEALTH	Steager
ROADS & BRIDGES	Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer
BUILDING & GROUNDS	Sypal, Coufal, Bauer
INSURANCE	Coufal, Svoboda
HEALTH CARE CENTER	Steager, Sypal
NOXIOUS WEED	Krafka, Coufal, Bauer
FINANCE & FEES	Svoboda, Steager, Krafka
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & POLICY	Whitmore, Svoboda, Krafka
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK	Sypal, Krafka, Whitmore
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Coufal, Steager
911	Steager, Whitmore
SAFETY COMMITTEE	Steager, Whitmore, Sypal
SENIOR CENTER	Svoboda, Sypal
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal
GENERAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW	Sypal, Svoboda
HR COMMITTEE	Whitmore (Adamy, Dion, Laska, Reiter)
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE	Whitmore, Sypal, Coufal
ARPA COMMITTEE	Whitmore, Sypal, Bauer
911 COORDINATOR	Whitmore, Steager, Coufal
LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD COMMITTEE	Steager, Svoboda

2023 LIAISONS

Assessor	Bauer
Attorney	Svoboda
Clerk	Whitmore
Clerk of District Court	Coufal
County Court	Whitmore
Custodian	Sypal



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E-911	Steager, Whitmore
Emergency Manager	Whitmore
Extension Agent	Coufal
Floodplain Administrator	Bauer
Highway Supt.	Bauer
Noxious Weed	Krafka
Senior Services	Svoboda
Sheriff/Detention Center	Krafka, Sypal
Surveyor	Coufal
Treasurer	Sypal
Veterans Service Officer	Coufal
Butler County Agricultural Society	Bauer

Human Resources Update

Human Resources Director Heidi Loges updated the board that the Hwy 92 building has been hosting several 4-H activities lately.

Sheriff Monthly Report

Alexis Buresh, Sheriff Office Manager presented the Monthly Sheriff Report for December 2022. It was accepted and placed on file.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

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

Expenditures Report for July 1, 2022-December 31, 2022

The expenditures report for July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 was reviewed by the board, accepted and placed on file.

Consideration of Resolution 2023 – 01/County Depositories

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve Resolution 2023-01 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 01**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors, according to its records in the office of the Butler County Clerk, has designated eight (8) institutions to act as depositories for County Funds, and

WHEREAS, the institutions are as follows:

- First National Bank of Omaha, David City Branch, David City, Nebraska
- Cornerstone Bank, N.A., Rising City, Nebraska
- First Nebraska Bank, Brainard, Nebraska
- Bank of the Valley, David City Branch, David City, Nebraska
- Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT)



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c/o PMA Financial Network, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Nebraska Federal Investment Trust (NFIT)
 c/o Union Bank & Trust Co., Lincoln, Nebraska
 Butler County Area Foundation-Nebraska Community Foundation
 TD Ameritrade Institutional

and said above mentioned institutions have placed collateral security as required by law with the County Treasurer of Butler County, Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the above-mentioned institutions be so designated as County Depositories for the year 2023, so long as they comply with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DATED this 5th day of January, 2023.

MOVED by Sypal, seconded by Coufal, that the above resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
<u>/s/Anthony Whitmore</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/Ryan Svoboda</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/Robert Coufal</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/Jan Sypal</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/Scott Steager</u>			
<u>/s/Scot Bauer</u>			
<u>/s/Tony Krafka</u>			

Attested to by:
/s/Stephanie L. Laska
 Stephanie L. Laska
 Butler County Clerk

Consideration of Resolution 2023 – 02/Investment of Surplus Funds

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Svoboda to approve Resolution 2023-02 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, Steager, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE.
 Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
 BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
 RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 02**

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest for the County of Butler, State of Nebraska that surplus funds be invested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the elected or appointed Butler County Treasurer be empowered and instructed to invest surplus funds, as he/she deems suitable and in the best interest of the County. Said funds may be invested on a bid basis or by negotiations.

DATED this 5th day of January, 2023.

MOVED by Krafka, seconded by Sypal, that the above resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
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/s/Anthony Whitmore
/s/Ryan Svoboda
/s/Robert Coufal
/s/Jan Sypal
/s/Scott Steager
/s/Scot Bauer
/s/Tony Krafka

Attested to by:
/s/Stephanie L. Laska
 Stephanie L. Laska
 Butler County Clerk

Approval of Early Payroll

Moved by Steager, seconded Coufal to approve the early payroll as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/Ted Glock, Reading Township

Moved by Bauer, seconded Coufal to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/ Bradley J. Carter, Reading Township

Moved by Sypal, seconded Steager to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/ Kevin Siffring, Reading Township

Moved by Bauer, seconded Svoboda to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, Steager, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

Approval of Official Bond and Oath/Marianne Ziethen, Union Township

Moved by Steager, seconded Bauer to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

Approval of Official Bond and Oath/Marvin E. Andel, Union Township

Moved by Bauer, seconded Svoboda to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, Steager, & Whitmore
 Voted nay: NONE
 Motion carried.

Approval of Official Bond and Oath/Margo Hlavac, Union Township

Moved by Sypal, seconded Coufal to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:
 Voted aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore



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Voted nay: NONE

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding appointment of Center Township Board members

Moved by Steager, seconded Bauer to appoint Vincent Aerts & Jake Miriovsky to the Center Township Board for the 2023-2026 term. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE

Motion carried.

Appointment of Ron Clarke and Re-appoint Terry Kriz & Kory Kuhlman to The Butler County Visitors Committee

Moved by Svoboda, seconded Krafka to appoint Ron Clarke and re-appoint Terry Kriz & Kory Kuhlman to the Butler County Visitors Committee for the 2023-2026 term. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE

Motion carried.

Discussion APRA Fund Update

Whitmore passed out an updated expenditure report for the ARPA fund and the board reviewed it. Along with the expenditure report, Laska provided a breakdown of the Fire District Funding.

Committee Reports

Whitmore informed Steager that he would be forwarding a Four Corners Email to him. No other committee reports were discussed.

Correspondence

1. Nebraska Dept of Veteran Affairs Letter regarding the appointment of Erin Robinson
2. NIRMA, property value update
3. Polk County Letter – regarding termination of Interlocal Agreement effective 12/31/22

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Coufal, Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE

Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Steager to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:05 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE

Motion carried.

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The County Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection from 9:05 a.m. until 9:15 a.m.

Road Update

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, reported to the board that mother nature has not been kind lately and that they are working to get the roads back in shape after the recent ice storm. Isham discussed with the board a need for an interlocal agreement on County Road 35, west of David City. He informed the board that the City of David City recently annexed 980 feet of the County Road, however, at this location is where the road drifts really bad during snow storms, where 80% of the drift is County Road and 20% is City. He said he would like a snow removal only interlocal because he



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cannot safely clear that road or turn around unless the county clears the entire drift. The board said told him to get an interlocal prepared and present to them at the next meeting.

At 9:21 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a break.

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

Nebraska Extension Annual Report & Update

Thays Silva and Maria Cantu Hines presented the 2022 Annual Report & Updated the board on current events going on with Nebraska Extension. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to accept the 2022 annual report as presented. Upon roll call vote the following:

Voted aye: Coufal, Sypal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore

Voted nay: NONE

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be January 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. A special meeting has been called and set for January 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is a joint meeting with the City of David City and being held at 490 E Street, David City, Nebraska.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman