

## **BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

September 5, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Anthony Whitmore, Tony Krafka, Scot Bauer, Scott Steager, Jan Sypal, & Robert Coufal. Absent: 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. The availability of the agenda was communicated in 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 – approval of Project # HSIP-STWD(203), CN 01063, Statewide Stop Sign Program**

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, presented before the board an agreement & resolution between the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation and Butler County. The program is a grant, which replaces all of the stop signs in Butler County between now and June 30, 2025. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to approve the resolution and agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Coufal, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
**SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

Butler County

Resolution No. 2023-26

**Whereas:** Butler County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds; and

**Whereas:** Butler County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

**Whereas:** Butler County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

**Be It Resolved:** by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County that:

The Chair of the Butler County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Butler County and NDOT.

Butler County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.


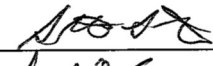
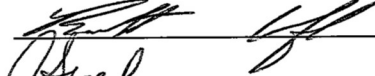
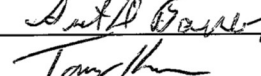
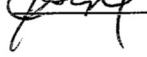
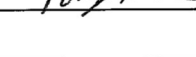
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NDOT Control Number: 01063

NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

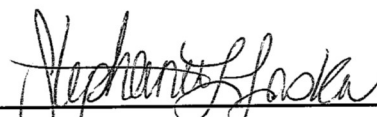
Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 at David City, Butler County, Nebraska.  
(Month) (Year)

The Board of Supervisors of Butler County

Board/Council Member Supal  
Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member Steager Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 10 Yes        No        Abstained 1 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest:

  
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Signature County Clerk



**Update on Roads**

Isham updated the board that the S & 27 bridge had been poured and they will be backfilling it within the next week. Dust control was applied on B Road near St. Joseph Church; a complaint came in regarding the dust and the truck traffic that is on the road. As a result, the dust control was put down and flags were placed on the stop-sign. Isham and Steager will be attending Linwood Township meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00p.m. to discuss road issues in the township.

**County Clerk monthly fee report**

The County Clerk fee report for the month of August 2023 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 August 2023 was accepted and placed on file.

**Discussion/Possible Action-Mutual Aid Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of David City/David City Police Department and Butler County/Butler County Sheriff Department**

Sheriff Dion & County Attorney Julie Reiter reviewed the contract and after requesting changes, the agreement before the board today is the correct one with changes. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Coufal to approve the agreement as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Krafka, Coufal, Sypal, Steager, Bauer, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

**Budget 2023-2024 update and discussion**

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, handed out the budget packet that will be addressed at the budget hearing scheduled at 11:00 a.m. The changes discussed at the previous meetings have all been incorporated into the prepared budget. The board discussed whether they should transfer \$600,000 from the Inheritance fund and give \$100,000 back to the Road Department. Laska said she will make the changes and update at the budget hearing.

**Discussion on payment of restitution owed to County in criminal case (Executive Session)**

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal, to move into executive session to discuss payment of restitution owed to the County in criminal case and invite County Attorney Julie Reiter and Highway Superintendent Randy Isham in at 9:35 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafka, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Steager to exit executive session at 10:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action regarding proposals for "In God We Trust" Mural**

Laska informed the board that in May 2018 they passed a resolution to permanently affix the words "In God We Trust" in the courthouse. Supervisor Krafka was in contact with Dillon Krueger, a local artist who could complete the project. Krueger has presented the board with 4 options and pricing to

complete the project. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Krafka to approve design #2, the Constitution Font proposal for \$550. Further discussion resulted as to where the project should be paid out of, and the Supervisors decided they would pay for it out of their pockets. Upon roll call vote the following voted:  
Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible action on Flu Vaccinations for County employees**

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to pay for county employees flu vaccinations through Butler County Health. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

#### **Correspondence**

1. Southeast District Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> – register by September 7<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be September 5, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska  
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore  
Chairman

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### **Budget Hearing for 2023-2024**

Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to open the Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 County Budget at 11:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, Bauer, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, presented a summary of the budget.

Summary of budget information: The published levy was .186849. Compared to last year's tax request the 2023-2024 tax request is increasing \$699,112.21 up 15.80%. This year's tax request is \$5,123,601.34. The levy this year is going up 4.94% or up .0008795. The county valuation increased 10.35%. The summary published before the meeting included a transfer of \$500,000 from the Inheritance fund. Upon discussion during the regularly scheduled meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>, the board directed Laska to increase that transfer to \$600,000 and add \$100,000 back to the road department. The board is concerned if they keep cutting the road budget every year, the projects they have planned will never get done. This change does not change the tax asking or the levy; that all stayed the same.

Laska asked the board if they had any additional questions regarding the budget. They did not. Chairman Whitmore asked the public in attendance if they had any comments and concerns about the budget, there was no comment.

Chairman Whitmore asked if there was any further discussion from the board. There was none. He asked if there was any further comment from the public. There was none. There being no further comments, Whitmore asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to close the public hearing at 11:19 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, Bauer, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be September 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room.

Stephanie L. Laska  
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore  
Chairman