

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 25, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 25th day of September 2023 at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room 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 & 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.

Special Public Hearing for Final Tax Request

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Steager to open the special public hearing for final tax request at 9:00 a.m.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

County Clerk Stephanie Laska presented the board with the property tax request information required by statute to present:

- The 2023-2024 property tax request is:

a. General Fund:	\$ 4,980,248.89	
b. Ag Society:	\$ <u>143,352.75</u>	
Total	\$ 5,123,601.34	increase of 15.80% over prior year \$699,112.21 more than last year
- The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.35% percent.
- The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.161353 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Butler County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.186849 per \$100 of assessed value; an increase of 4.94% over the prior year or .0008795 per \$100 of assessed value.

- Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Butler County will exceed last year's by 4.25 percent.

Chairman Whitmore asked if the board had any questions, there were none. The public was asked for comment, there was no comment from the public at the time.

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to close the public hearing at 9:02 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action regarding the County Budget 2023-2024

Chairman Whitmore asked the board if they had any additional questions or comments regarding the budget, there were none.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2023 – 28 – Adoption of County Budget 2023-2024

Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to approve Resolution 2023-28 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 25th day of September, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Butler County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Butler County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2023.

MOVED by Steager, 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>	_____	_____	_____

/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

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2023 – 29 – Setting Final Tax Request

Moved by Svoboda, seconded by Bauer to approve Resolution 2023-29 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29
SETTING THE 2023-2024 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provide that the Governing Body of Butler County passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing body of Butler County resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:
 - a. General Fund: \$ 4,980,248.89
 - b. Ag Society: \$ 143,352.75
Total \$ 5,123,601.34 increase of 15.80% over prior year
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.35%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.161353 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Butler County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.186849 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Butler County will increase last year's budget by 4.25%.

Dated and passed this 25th day of September, 2023.

MOVED by Svoboda, seconded by Bauer, 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>	_____	_____	_____

/s/Scott Steager
/s/Scot Bauer
/s/Tony Krafka

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

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2023 – 30 – Transfer from Inheritance Fund to General Fund
Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal to approve Resolution 2023-30 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors at the September 25, 2023 Special meeting to adopt the 2023-2024 County budget, approved the transfer of money from the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700) to the General Fund (0100) as part of the budget process for general operations; and

WHEREAS, the amount approved through the budget adoption for said operations of the General Fund (0100) to be transferred from the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700) is \$600,000.00; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700) to transfer to the General Fund (0100) in the amount of \$600,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the Butler County Treasurer be hereby directed to transfer \$600,000.00 to the General Fund (0100) for general operations from the Inheritance Tax Fund (2700).

Dated this 25th day of September, 2023.

MOVED by Bauer, 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/Approval of Resolution 2023 – 31 – Transfer from General Fund to 911 Emergency Management

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to approve Resolution 2023-31 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors is obligated to levy funds for the 911 Emergency Management Fund (2910) through the General Fund (0100) of Butler County; and

WHEREAS, the Butler County 911 Emergency Management (2910) is requiring funds in order to keep up the maintenance and operation of said department; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the General Fund (0100) to transfer to the 911 Emergency Management Fund (2910) in an amount of \$303,162.10.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the Butler County Treasurer be hereby directed to transfer \$303,162.10 to the 911 Emergency Management Fund (2910) for the maintenance and operations of said 911 Emergency Management from the General Fund (0100).

Dated this 25th day of September, 2023.

MOVED by Sypal, seconded by Steager, 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/Approval of Resolution 2023 – 32 – Transfer from 911 Wireless Service Fund to 911 Wireless Holding Fund

Moved by Steager, seconded by Sypal to approve Resolution 2023-32 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32**

WHEREAS, Butler County, Nebraska (“Butler County”) provides a public safety answering point (“PSAP”) which receives 911 service calls and either dispatches emergency services or relays calls to the appropriate public service agency, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, pursuant to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act, has set a surcharge to be collected by wireless carriers and paid by their wireless customers to help fund certain costs of E-911 Wireless, and

WHEREAS, Butler County receives a portion of the surcharge funds from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and is allowed to save or set aside up to 75% of the funds received for future equipment/software purchases and upgrades, and

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year 2022-2023 all funds received were deposited into the 911 Wireless Service Fund (2913),

WHEREAS, Butler County is allowed to set aside funds in the amount of \$14,882.80; the amount remaining from fiscal year 2022-2023 for future equipment/software purchases and upgrades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the Butler County Treasurer be hereby directed to transfer \$14,882.80 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund (2913) to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund (2914).

Dated this 25th day of September, 2023.

MOVED by Steager, seconded by Sypal, 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

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be October 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman