

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 2, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 2nd day of October, 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 & 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.

Authorize Chairman to sign/Certification Statement for Countywide Cost Allocation Plan (Maximus)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to authorize the chairman to sign the Certification Statement for Countywide Cost Allocation Plan (Maximus). Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Human Resources Update

Heidi Loges, Human Resources Director, informed the board that she would like to commend the Butler County Sheriff Department, 911 Dispatch, and the David City Police Department in how they handled and worked together during a recent incident when a couple of teens had went missing.

Approval of Early Payroll for separated employee

Payroll for one employee from 911 dispatch was presented before the board. Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to approve the early payroll as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Expenditures report July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

The expenditure report for July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 was presented before the board and placed on file in the clerk's office.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:06 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda, to exit the board of equalization at 9:07 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Approval to purchase 2 patrol vehicles

Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Drozd appeared before the board to request the purchase of 2 patrol vehicles. Drozd presented the board with State bid pricing for patrol vehicles, he explained that currently Anderson Ford of Lincoln is the only place that Sheriff Dion has been able to find units available. They are not available or would need to be ordered and when they would be available is unknown. The units available right now are F-150 Police Interceptors. The board discussed getting one now and waiting for an SUV to become available. They also discussed if they waited, they may not be able to get a vehicle when they need it. Moved by Steager, seconded by Krafka to approve the purchase of two 2023 Ford F-150 Police Interceptors from Anderson Ford of Lincoln. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Discussion/possible action regarding purchasing a motor grader off the state bid

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, appeared before the board with a proposal from Murphy Tractor for the purchase of a John Deere 772G Motor Grader in the amount of \$399,956.00; this is the state bid price for the unit. Isham informed the board, upon receiving the motor grader he will be taking two motor graders to the auction. He said for the number of hours on the two units they will do better at auction than being used as a trade. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Coufal to approve purchasing the state bid motor grader from Murphy Tractor. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham updated the board that they finished backfilling the S & 27 bridge and are moving the equipment to the bridge on Road 23 ½ between T & U to backfill that one also. They continue to work on projects, he said they completed a project in Oak Creek Township recently and are also working on cleaning ditches and replacing culverts in Savannah and Alexis Townships.

Request for Funds for Trail Planning Proposal

William Reiter, Recreation Coordinator for the City of David, appeared before the board requesting funds to help fund a Planning Proposal for the Great America Rail-Trail. This trail will start in Washington State and end in Washington, D.C. The proposed route has the trail going through Butler County including David City. There are grants available to help fund the project, however, the planning proposal must be done first. Reiter is requesting funds up to \$35,000 from the ARPA funds to get the planning proposal moving. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve the use of \$5,000 of ARPA funds to be used for the planning proposal's cost. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Discussion – 911 Tower

The board asked County Attorney, Julie Reiter, if she had received the information to draw up the easements and lease for the 911 Tower project. She said she had drawn up drafts and met with Emergency Manager, Mark Doehling. The board asked the clerk to place Update on 911 Tower on the agenda for the next board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be October 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman