

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 4, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 4th day of December, 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.

Four Corners Health Department Update

Laura McDougal, Director of Four Corners Health Department & Catherine Seufferlein, Program Manager of Healthy Families Nebraska – Four Corners appeared before the board to give them an annual update. Seufferlien outlined a new maternal child health program for the board. McDougal highlighted the dental program Forever Smiles and informed the board that Butler County received services that valued \$20,699. She also noted that the county had a hazardous waste pickup in April that was extremely successful. Upon conclusion of her presentation, McDougal asked if the board had any questions and thanked them for their time.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Steager to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:18 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Svoboda to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:22 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

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

Monthly Sheriff Report

The Monthly Sheriff Report for November 2023 was presented before the board. It was accepted and placed on file.

Correspondence

1. Holiday Card from the Lincoln Food Bank
2. Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice – Jail Standards upcoming visit
3. Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc. – Public Notice – Potential Effects on Historic properties U.S. Cellular/Brainard

Discussion/Possible action regarding the purchase of a pickup with utility box from the state bid

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham appeared before the board with information regarding pickups from the state bid. Isham informed the board that the increase from a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton to a 1-ton pickup was approximately \$3,000. He informed the board that the price of the vehicle is \$75,139 with a 5 year/100,000-mile warranty and asked the board if they would like to go with that warranty or the 3-year warranty that comes standard. The board discussed the options and decided the warranty would be worth the extra cost. Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to purchase the Ford F-350 with the 5-year warranty for \$75,139. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2023-36 Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2023

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer to approve the resolution as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

[Resolution 2023 – 36 is available to be viewed in the Clerk's office upon request]

Update on Roads

Supervisor Steager informed Isham that he had been approached by Skull Creek Township regarding the purchase of a new motor grader. The county and the township own the equipment 51%/49% and they would like to keep it as such. Steager verified with the county attorney they would need to go out for sealed bids for the purchase. Isham updated the board that they have started another project on H Road between 22 & 23. It is a minimum maintenance road, but the road is a mess and when it does rain it causes issues on the county road. They are still putting in driveways and culverts; he said there are approximately 3 driveways and 2 culvert projects they want to get done before the ground freezes. Once those projects are complete, they will put the shredder on and start shredding trees.

Discussion/Possible action regarding updated wage study and step program – removal of hiring adjustments for experience

Sheriff Dion appeared before the board with the wage information study they had requested at the previous meeting. He said he feels the wages are in line and where they need to be, however, he would

still like to remove the hiring adjustments for experience from the approved program. Each step would then equal years of experience. Several supervisors voiced that they wanted to leave that in because that is what they approved originally. Steager proposed removing the hiring adjustment language, however, putting a hiring cap at Step 5. The proposal was Step 1 = less than a year experience, Step 2 = 1 year of experience, Step 3 = 2 years of experience, Step 4 = 3 years of experience, & Step 5 = 4 years or more years of experience. If someone has 4 or more years of experience, they will start at Step 5. It was also noted that if there were any adjustments for a new hire that those would come before the board to be approved. Dion said he was agreeable to those terms. They asked him to update the step plan and bring it back to the meeting for approval.

Approval of early pay claim for purchase of 2 patrol vehicles previously approved October 2, 2023

Sheriff Dion appeared before the board requesting to pay the claims for the 2 patrol vehicles that were previously approved October 2, 2023. Dion informed the board that the vehicles will be ready for pickup by the end of the week. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Svoboda to approve the early pay claim for purchase of 2 patrol vehicles previously approved October 2, 2023. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2023-37 – Butler County Extension Board Appointments 2023

Thays Silva, Extension Educator appeared before the board to appoint Jenna Lange to the Butler County Extension Board. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to approve the resolution 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. 2023-37**

Whereas the University of Nebraska Extension is a valuable part of Butler County, and

Whereas the Extension Board is the organization appointed by the Butler County Board of Supervisors to oversee the Nebraska Extension programming in this county, and

Whereas public participation in this level of government is respected civil service, and

Whereas the Butler County Board of Supervisors desires to continue this tradition of local cooperation with Butler County Extension, and

Whereas Jenna Lange has applied and been recommended to fill the open position on the Extension Board, then

Be it resolved, the Butler County Board of Supervisors appoint Jenna Lange to the Butler County Extension Board and extend the appointment of the citizens currently serving Butler County as shown in the attached list* for the terms as shown, and

Be it resolved; the Butler County Board of Supervisors express their gratitude to these board members for their service.

Dated this 4th day of December, 2023, in David City Nebraska.

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

(*attached list can be viewed in the clerk's office upon request)

Discussion/Possible action regarding scrap tire grant approval update & information

Louise Niemann, Extension Office Manager, updated the board on the scrap tire grant that they approved her to apply for in August. On December 1st she was notified that it was approved and that she would be receiving the grant agreement in the mail in the next few weeks. She asked that the board authorize the chairman to sign the grant agreement upon receiving it. The board discussed and decided they'd rather see the agreement before the chairman signs it.

At 10:21 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a break.

At 10:25 a.m. the board reconvened.

Discussion – 911 Tower Update

Steager updated the board that they met with another landowner, that meeting didn't sound very promising. They are trying to set up a meeting with another landowner whose property would have better access than the Hilger property. If that meeting goes well they will do a cost analysis of the new site and the Hilger property because they have also received information from the FAA that the Hilger site will now be allowed. Steager didn't have any information regarding what changed the decision.

Discussion – NACO Annual Conference

The county clerk reminded the board of the upcoming NACO Annual Conference, December 13th – 15th.

Discussion/Possible action regarding updated wage study and step program – removal of hiring adjustments for experience

The board decided they would table the approval until the next meeting on December 18, 2023.

Discussion – Dairy

Supervisor Bauer informed the board that the Dairies have just about completed the tops for the methane pipeline project.

Discussion – Tallgrass Energy

Supervisor Krafka informed the board that they've been very vague in the information they will give. He told them to come to a board meeting to discuss the project.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be December 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman