

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 2, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 2nd day of January, 2024 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, Robert Coufal and Ryan Svoboda. Absent: Jan Sypal.

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.

The County Clerk called for nominations for a Temporary Chairman.

Election of Chairperson for 2024

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

Temporary Chairperson Whitmore called for nominations for Chairperson for 2024. Supervisor Bauer nominated Anthony Whitmore, seconded by Steager. Moved by Steager, seconded by Krafka to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Anthony Whitmore as Chairperson for 2024. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Voted nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Election of Vice-Chairperson for 2024

Chairman Whitmore asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Krafka nominated Scott Steager, seconded by Coufal. Whitmore called for any other nominations. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Coufal to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Steager as Vice-Chairperson for 2024. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

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 2024.

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Svoboda to set the committees and liaisons as listed below. Upon roll call vote the following:

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

Voted nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2024 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
HWY 30/64 CORRIDOR BRIDGE PROJECT	Krafka

2024 LIAISONS

Assessor	Bauer
Attorney	Svoboda
Clerk	Whitmore
Clerk of District Court	Coufal
County Court	Whitmore
Custodian	Sypal
E-911	Steager, Whitmore
Emergency Manager	Whitmore
Extension Agent	Coufal
Floodplain Administrator	Bauer
Highway Supt.	Bauer

Noxious Weed
Senior Services
Sheriff/Detention Center
Surveyor
Treasurer
Veterans Service Officer
Butler County Agricultural Society

Krafka
Svoboda
Krafka, Sypal
Coufal
Sypal
Coufal
Bauer

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The County Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection from 9:06 a.m. until 9:13 a.m.

Consideration of Resolution 2024 – 01/County Depositories

Laska explained to the board that two depositories were removed due to the county not doing business with them any longer. A typo held up approval; the board would revisit once it was corrected.

Consideration of Resolution 2024 – 02/Investment of Surplus Funds

Moved by Svoboda, seconded by Coufal to approve Resolution 2024-02 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 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 2nd day of January, 2024.

MOVED by Svoboda, 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>	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	Jan Sypal	_____
<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

Discussion/Possible action regarding grant approval for State & Local Cyber Security Grants (SLCG)

Laska explained to the board that back in May she and Emergency Manager, Mark Doehling, had spoken to them regarding cyber security and the grants available. She informed the board that in December the county was notified that they were eligible for a \$9,000 grant, the paperwork hasn't been presented yet but once it is, Laska said she would present it for review. She informed the board that the second round of grant funding is coming around, this grant funding is an 80/20 split. She asked the board if she should proceed with the second round. This funding will help replace end-of-life equipment such as servers, firewalls, and other equipment necessary to keep the county secure. Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to proceed with the grant process for Cyber Security. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/Galen David Zimmerman, Alexis Township

Moved by Krafka, seconded Steager to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/Craig M. Schmit, Alexis 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, Steager, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/Justin Krafka, Alexis Township

Moved by Svoboda, seconded Coufal to approve the oath & bond as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

1. TIF report from the City of David City, was originally put on file at the May 15, 2023 meeting
2. TIF report from the Department of Revenue-Property Assessment Division for the City of David City

Committee Reports

Supervisor Krafka reported that he went to the Hwy 30/64 Corridor Bridge Project Committee meeting and they are moving forward to work on getting a grant for a planning study, it will take approximately a year and a half to do the study, once it is complete the committee will be ready to present it to the state to see if they are willing to move forward with the project. He also said that the grants they are looking

into will require a local match, so there may be committee members coming to meetings in the future to discuss costs.

Discussion – 911 Tower Update

Supervisor Steager informed the board that the #1 choice for the new location has come back approved, it is in the middle of a field North of David City, access to utilities is there and minimal dirt work and road building will be needed. Hoping to have everything together by February to possibly go out for bids shortly thereafter.

Appoint Highway Superintendent for Calendar Year 2024

Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to appoint Randy Isham as the Butler County Highway Superintendent for Calendar Year 2024. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action regarding sale of a 1999 Cat 140H maintainer

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Steager to approve selling the 1999 Cat 140H maintainer on Kobza's Auction. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action sale of a truck mount front snow blade

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Svoboda to approve selling the truck mount front snow blade on Kobza's auction. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action sale of a pickup box

Moved by Coufal seconded by Svoboda to approve selling the 2023 pickup box on Kobza's auction. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Approval of Windstream utility permit application to bore & plow in fiber optic cable around the intersection of Road 37 & I

Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to approve the utility permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Whitmore informed Isham that he had received compliments on the roads in his district. Isham informed the board that he is limiting the work that they are doing with the grinder, stating that the responsibility should be on the landowner. If there is a tree causing site issues or it is causing issue on the road, they will grind it back. He said that he has sent letters, townships have sent letters, and he has even knocked on some doors trying to inform the public of their responsibility to take care of trees in the road ditches. An issue regarding electric fence on the county road was addressed. Isham informed the board that they are no longer cleaning ditches or working on building up roads until Spring. He has been pricing magnets for the motor graders, when he has more information, he will bring it to the board. He also informed the board that at the next meeting he will be asking them to set date & time to open bids for chip sealing on the Brainard/Dwight asphalt. Lastly, he informed the board that he is in the process of looking for a new sander, after this last storm the 2010 sander is no longer in commission.

Approval of Addendum to: Inter-local Cooperation 911 Emergency Communications Equipment Sharing Agreement

Jami Bowers, 911 Coordinator, appeared before the board requesting approval of an updated addendum to: Inter-local Cooperation 911 Emergency Communications Equipment Sharing Agreement. The price on the previously approved addendum was incorrect. The price has been corrected and is a reduction to the previously approved addendum. Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to approve the addendum as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Certificates of Service

Certificates of Service are being tabled until the January 16, 2024 meeting.

Consideration of Resolution 2024 – 01/County Depositories

Corrections were made to Resolution 2024-01, moved by Coufal, seconded by Svoboda to approve Resolution 2024-01 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 01

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors, according to its records in the office of the Butler County Clerk, has designated six (6) 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)
c/o PMA Financial Network, Lincoln, Nebraska
Nebraska Federal Investment Trust (NFIT)

c/o Union Bank & Trust Co., Lincoln, Nebraska

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 2024, so long as they comply with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2024.

MOVED by Coufal, seconded by Svoboda, 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>	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	Jan Sypal	_____
<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

Discussion

Laska reminded the board that they need to file their C-1's for this year by March 1, 2024. She also asked them to check their emails and look into the upcoming workshops she sent them all and let her know if they wanted to attend.

Discussion – 911 Tower Update

Steager informed the board that while in the meeting Doehling let him know that the FAA approved the new location, and that the Surveyor is working on legal descriptions.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be January 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman