

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 1, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 1st day of April, 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, Jan Sypal, and Ryan Svoboda. Absent: Robert Coufal.

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.

Discussion/possible action regarding a map revision

Breann Whitmore, Flood plain administrator, presented a map revision that the City of Schuyler is requesting of FEMA and needs Butler County to approve also. The basis for the revision reflects back to the 2019 flood; there is new topographic data, improved methodology/data and a hydraulic analysis. Whitmore explained this will help the county in the future. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to approve the map revision as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Approval Official Bond and Oath/Charles Emswiler, Olive Township

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

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Set date & time to open bids for health & dental insurance bids

The board started discussing the upcoming bid process for health and dental insurance. County Clerk, Stephanie Laska told them that the draft request for proposal (RFP) has dates and time that can be adjusted, these are dates that she and NACO Representative Mike Boden had plugged in. To stay on schedule the board decided to table until after the board of equalization meeting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Bauer to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:07 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Sypal to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:09 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Set date & time to open bids for health & dental insurance bids continued

The board resumed discussing the date & time to open bids for health & dental insurance. They discussed that they want to have time to review the proposals and decide in May if at all possible.

Moved by Steager to set the date & time to open bids for health & dental insurance bids for May 6, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Approval of Cyber Security grant award – Round one of State Local Cyber Security Grant Program

Laska presented the board with the grant award; the board must accept the award before we can start the project. She explained this is round one, we submitted for round two, however; have not received any information regarding awards. Moved by Steager, seconded by Krafka, to approve the cyber security grant award as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham updated the board regarding the roads. He informed them he is aware of a possible drainage issue on N Road and that he will be working with the City to correct it. The gravel pit has been up and running for approximately three weeks. The trucks that are running are hauling gravel as much as possible. They are having some issues with a few trucks, but they are getting them repaired and back out on the road as quickly as they can. He informed the board that barricades on Road 35 will be removed this week and that the fence that was damaged on 35 Road has been fixed as well.

Human Resources Update

Heidi Loges, Human Resources Director, appeared before the board; she updated the board that Applied Connective will be at the Highway 92 building on Arbor Day to move the computer equipment from the west side of the building to the east side, and then demo can begin on the west side whenever it gets lined up. She also updated the board that the Women's employee lounge update where they are building a mother's room is coming along. She told the board that she had met with the building and

grounds committee and asked if the women's restroom could be updated along with the mother's room project. County Treasurer, Karey Adamy will have extra money left in her budget and said she would be willing to allot that for the remodel if the board approved. The overall project is estimated to be around \$9,000. The board thought it was a great idea, they will vote on this topic at the next meeting on April 15, 2024.

Correspondence

1. Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art Celebration of Progress Friday, April 19, 2024

At 9:26 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a break.

At 9:30 a.m. the board reconvened.

Approval for early pay for new patrol vehicle

Sheriff Tom Dion appeared before the board requesting approval for an early claim for the new patrol vehicle they approved at the last meeting. The vehicle is ready for them to go pick up at Anderson Ford of Lincoln. The portion the County owes is \$15,889, the insurance company will send the remainder. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to approve the early claim to Anderson Ford of Lincoln for \$15,889. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/possible action regarding fence quotes for Hwy 92 building impound lot

Dion presented the board with 4 quotes from 3 companies for the fence:

1. Schumacher Fencing, LLC. – install privacy slats \$3,146.00
2. American Fence Company – install privacy slats \$5,281.00
3. American Fence Company – install windscreen \$4,696.96
4. Noswett Fencing & Decks – install privacy slats \$3,886.00

The board discussed the different quotes and tabled the discussion to stay on schedule with the agenda.

Discussion regarding potential economic development project

John Hladik, Tallgrass Energy and Casey Potter, ADM appeared before the board and presented information regarding the upcoming Tallgrass Energy pipeline project where they will be working to convert an existing pipeline to transport carbon dioxide from ethanol producers to underground permanent geologic storage. He discussed with the board that they currently have 100% approval for survey rights along their proposed pipeline path from ADM in Columbus, south towards York. He also informed the board that currently approximately 60% of the landowners have signed easements allowing Tallgrass access to their ground. He could not give the board a definitive map because the path is ever changing; if a landowner gives them survey rights and then later decides they do not want to grant access they have to change the path of the pipeline. Until they have all the agreements, they don't want to show maps of the pipeline path due to the ever-changing path. The board and members of the public asked several questions, the representatives answered what they could and said they would try to get answers for those they couldn't.

Discussion/possible action regarding fence quotes for Hwy 92 building impound lot continued

The board discussed how to pay for the fence, Sheriff Dion said his budget was tight since having to replace a patrol unit unexpectedly. The board reviewed the budget reports for the Sheriff, Building &

Grounds and the Miscellaneous budget all in the General Fund. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to approve the fence quote from Schumacher Fencing, LLC for \$3,146.00 and pay for it out of the miscellaneous budget line item 2-9900. Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, & Whitmore.
Nay: NONE.
Absent: Coufal.
Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be April 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman