

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 6, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 6th day of May, 2024 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Tony Krafka, Scott Steager, Jan Sypal, and Robert Coufal. Absent: Whitmore, Scot Bauer & 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 Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.

The Vice-Chairman declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as presented.

Distress Warrant Report

County Treasurer, Karey Adamy presented before the board the Property Tax Distress Warrants Report for 2022, which agrees with the Sheriff's Distress Warrants report that he gave on April 15, 2024. The report was accepted and will be placed on file in the Clerk's office.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

The County Clerk fee report for the month of April 2024 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 April 2024 was accepted and placed on file.

Monthly Sheriff Report

The Monthly Sheriff Report for April 2024 was presented before the board. It was accepted and placed on file.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of David City for dispatch services to the City

Steager updated the board that he has all of the information for the interlocal, they estimated well with the prior agreement, the 80/20 call percentage very accurate. He said he would get the numbers to the county attorney and hopefully have it ready for the May 20th board meeting.

Approval of early payroll for separated employee

An early payroll for a separated employee was presented before the board. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to approve the payroll as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Human Resources Update

Heidi Loges, Human Resources Director, informed the board that she went to a NIRMA meeting in April, and it was very informative, she learned a lot.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:05 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Krafka, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

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

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Krafka, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Approval of Visitor Committee Promotion Request – David City’s 150th Celebration

A request from the David City 150th Celebration was presented before the board. County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, explained that a late billing was presented to the committee after they had closed their account, they had not previously requested money from the County. She reported that the visitor committee had unanimously voted to approve the request. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Coufal to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Krafka, Coufal, Sypal, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension & Approval of Exhibit A – Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services

Thays Silva, Nebraska Extension appeared before the board with an updated interlocal agreement between the University of Nebraska and Butler County. The last interlocal agreement was signed in 1998. The major changes in the interlocal agreement are a result of language changes for titles of personnel. The board asked if the County Attorney had reviewed the agreements, they explained they met with her and Supervisor Coufal and she didn’t have any issues at that time. The board tabled the discussion until County Attorney Julie Reiter arrived to get her feedback.

Discussion/Possible action regarding the election of Board of Directors/Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN)

Presented before the board was a ballot for the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN). Steager gave background on this board and said that the candidate, Tim Hofbauer, has been the Platte County Emergency Manager for many years and has sat on the NRIN board since its formation. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to vote for Tim Hofbauer for the NRIN Board of Directors. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Krafka, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Approval of Windstream utility permit at Grandparents Lane 7 & 44 Road (River Road & Brandenburgh Lake)

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, appeared before the board and presented them with a Windstream utility permit at Grandparents Lane 7 & 44 Road (River Road & Brandenburgh Lake). Moved by Krafka, seconded by Sypal to approve the permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Krafka, Sypal, Coufal, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Approval of Utility permit for Butler Public Power District, trenching electric cable across Road PQ just north of 35 ½ Road, Franklin Township

Isham presented another utility permit, this one for Butler Public Power District, trenching electric cable across Road PQ just north of 35 ½ Road, Franklin Township. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve the utility permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham explained projects that the Roads Department has going on are taking longer than expected due to the rain we have been getting. He said there have been some concerns about the gravel pit, he will hopefully have more on that at the next meeting. They are working with JEO and the city regarding a culvert on N Road. He said they continue to gravel roads as needed.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension & Approval of Exhibit A – Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services

The board asked County Attorney, Julie Reiter, if she was able to review the interlocal agreement. She said she had and did not have any concerns. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Krafka to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension & Approval of Exhibit A – Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement for the provision of Cooperative Extension Services as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Krafka, Coufal, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

1. 911 Communications – Thank you to the Board

Committee Reports

Krafka reported that he would be attending a Hwy 30/64 Corridor Bridge meeting that afternoon regarding the planning study. Steager and Sypal reported that the hospital continues to move forward with their expansion project.

Annual Update for Apace

Matt Kasik, CEO for Apace, appeared before and presented Apace's annual update. Apace is asking for zero dollars of funding for the upcoming 2024-2025 fiscal year, they are merely asking for continued support in the future.

Annual Update for Region V Systems

Patrick Kriefels, Regional Administrator for Region V Systems appeared before the board and presented Region V Systems annual update. Region V Systems is not asking for an increase in funding for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, they are asking for \$20,919, which is the same request as the previous fiscal year.

At 9:55 a.m. the vice-chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 10:00 a.m. the board reconvened.

NACO Annual Update

Beth Ferrell appeared before the board and gave an annual update for NACO. She gave the board a report of legislation that was passed during the Legislative session and said there may be a special session towards the end of July.

Discussion to address minimum jail standards in Butler County

Daniel McAuley appeared before the board to address concerns he has regarding minimum jail standards and the rights of the inmates in the Butler County Detention Center.

Discussion/possible action regarding hiring a part-time deputy

Sheriff Tom Dion appeared before the board to discuss adding a part-time deputy. He said he has an interested candidate and that this would help him out right now since he is down 2 deputies. The board discussed with Dion if he was asking to add a part-time deputy or just fill in until he was fully staffed. To stay on schedule the board tabled the discussion to move on, they would readdress later in the meeting.

Discussion/possible action regarding a Special Designated Liquor license at Oak Creek Sporting Club for a Boy Scout Fundraiser Event on May 17, 2024

Samantha Cressler, Cornhusker Council #324 Boy Scouts America Inc., appeared before the board to request a special designated liquor license for a fundraising event they are having on May 17, 2024 at Oak Creek Sporting Club. The event is 21 & up and they plan to serve alcohol from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve the SDL as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Krafka, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Discussion

Brad Vandenburg, Center Township, approached the board and asked if they had received any information from Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company. They have approached Center Township about installing fiber through the township. The board said the company would need a utility permit for that and should start the process with the Highway department. The board will approve utility permits after the townships approve them.

Discussion/possible action regarding hiring a part-time deputy continued

Further discussion continued regarding hiring a part-time deputy. The consensus was that if this part-time position was only temporary while Dion was trying to fill his open positions, he did not need to get board permission to hire them; however, if he later decided he needed the half position he would need to approach the board for permission.

Permission to take 4 patrol units to Kobza Auction

Dion requested to take 4 patrol units to Kobza Auction, a black Ford SUV, silver Ford SUV and two Dodge chargers. The board asked Dion to get them detailed and remove the County stickers. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Krafka to approve the sheriff to take 4 patrol units to Kobza Auction. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Krafka, Sypal, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Whitmore, Bauer, & Svoboda.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Scott Steager
Vice-Chairman