

## BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 3, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Tony Krafka, Scot Bauer, Scott Steager, Jan Sypal, Robert Coufal, Ryan Svoboda, & Anthony Whitmore.

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 – authorize chairman to sign the subaward between City of Lincoln, Aging Partners & Butler County for fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025**

Senior Center Director, Diana McDonald, appeared before the board with an updated interlocal agreement between the City of Lincoln, Aging Partners and Butler County. She said nothing changed from the previous year. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Svoboda to approve the agreement as presented.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Discussion/possible action – NPERS audit and claim for make-up retirement withholding**

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, explained that NPERS recently audited the county, and it was found that two employees also worked for another participating county, and we needed to withhold retirement for those employees based on their participation at the other county. Also, during the state audit there was an employee contribution that was missed when splitting the 911 Dispatch wages between funds and that needed to be corrected also. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Svoboda to approve the claim as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Approval for early payroll for separated employee and to correct error on employee's check**

Laska explained there are two payroll claims, one for a separated employee and another to correct an error on an employee May check. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to approve the payroll as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.  
Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

1. Blue Valley Behavioral Health letter & budget request
2. District V Probation letter & budget request
3. Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission Findings & Order

### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)**

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

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:24 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Discussion/possible action – approval of utility permit application for Gary Bader for an irrigation water line to be trenched under Road 21, west of Road I, Ulysses Township**

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham, presented a utility permit application for Gary Bader for an irrigation water line to be trenched under Road 21, west of Road I in Ulysses Township. The township has approved the utility permit. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal to approve the utility permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Approval to go out for bids for striping the Brainard/Dwight Road after the chip sealing project is completed.**

Isham requested permission from the board to go out for bids for striping the Brainard/Dwight road after the chip sealing project is completed. He said he doesn't think the project will be over \$50,000 but he is asking for sealed bids just in case and he asked that the board open bids July 1<sup>st</sup>. Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to go out for bids for striping the Brainard/Dwight Road after the chip sealing project is completed; and to open bids on July 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Update on Roads**

Isham explained that they are in the middle of tarring, but the rains have delayed the project. They are working to fix roads as they are informed of issues. He also informed the board that they still have one road that is under water and do not know the extent of the damage. They are going to pump the water out and get that fixed as soon as they can. They will also be getting out to mow the blacktops as soon as they can, they had planned to start on the Brainard/Dwight Road today.

### **Discussion/Approval of Health & Dental Insurance Bid for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

The insurance committee summarized that they had met with NACO and Jones group and that they felt that the best option for the county would be to look at an HSA plan only for all employees. The board discussed at length the options regarding buying down the deductible, putting money in employees' HSA accounts. They asked questions of NACO and of Jones Group representatives. The board asked Laska where the insurance budget was as of the end of May.

At 10:42 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a break to allow the clerk to go get the insurance report.

At 10:46 a.m. the board reconvened.

Bauer expressed that he doesn't like leaving the NACO pool. Steager commented that the budget committee will have to remember to budget for half year contributions into the HSA accounts and then full year contributions when budgeting this next year. Discussion regarding when the county would fund the HSA accounts was brought up because once it's in the employee's account the county will not get that back if they leave. Contribution frequency and which bank to set up accounts at will be discussed at the next board meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to approve the Medica 3200 HSA Plan with Jones Group, starting on July 1, 2024 and the county will contribute \$1,500 annually for the individual and \$3,000 annually for the Employee+ (Family/Spouse/Children) Plan. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: Bauer.

Motion carried.

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to renew the Dental plan with NACO BCBS for Fiscal year 2024-2025. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Discussion/possible action regarding a host fee agreement**

Moved by Svoboda, seconded by Sypal to enter executive session at 11:06 a.m. for the purpose of discussing and negotiating a host fee agreement, inviting in County Attorney Julie Reiter, Highway Superintendent Randy Isham, Ryan Boyer & Kelly Danielson from the Butler County Landfill. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to exit executive session at 12:31 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

### **Approval of Visitor Committee Promotion Request – Butler County Parade**

The Butler County Parade committee is requesting \$700 from the Visitor Promotion fund; the Visitor's Committee is recommending approval of the full request. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Bauer, Steager, & Whitmore.  
Nay: NONE.  
Motion carried.

**City of David City Annual Redevelopment Report**

The City of David City Annual Redevelopment Report was presented before the board and placed on file.

**Approval of NIRMA & NIRMA II Renewal Billing Statement (July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025)**

The annual billing for NIRMA & NIRMA II insurance was presented to the board, the total billing is increasing 1.81% over last year, total annual billing of \$211,796. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to approve the renewal as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafka, Svoboda, & Whitmore.  
Nay: NONE.  
Motion carried.

**Approval & adoption of Resolution: 2024-06 – Transfer General Fund (Ag Extension) to Equipment Sinking Fund**

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Steager to approve & adopt Resolution 2024-06 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, & Whitmore.  
Nay: NONE.  
Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 06**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors has determined that it is in the best interest of the County for funds to be set aside for the purchase of equipment and vehicles that require specific funding, and

WHEREAS, the Ag Extension Agent Department will be required to set aside and maintain funds for the future purchase of equipment, and

WHEREAS, said funds, in order to be maintained for the future purchase, must be transferred from the General Fund (Ag Extension Agent Department) to the Equipment Sinking Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Butler County Board of Supervisors, that the Butler County Treasurer be hereby directed to transfer \$5,500.00 from the General Fund to the Equipment Sinking Fund.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD, DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

MOVED by Bauer, 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>	_____	_____	_____

/s/Tony Krafka

Attested to by:  
/s/Stephanie L. Laska  
Stephanie L. Laska  
Butler County Clerk

**Approval & adoption of Resolution: 2024-07 – Transfer General Fund to Senior Savings Program Fund**

Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to approve & adopt Resolution 2024-07 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 07**

**WHEREAS** the Butler County Board of Supervisors is obligated to levy funds for the Senior Services Program Fund through the General Fund of Butler County; and

**WHEREAS** funds are available in the General Fund to transfer to the Senior Services Program Fund in the amount of \$52,393.73.

**THEREFORE, LET IT NOW BE RESOLVED**, the Butler County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer \$52,393.73 to the Senior Services Program Fund (2250) for the general operations of said Senior Services Program Fund from the General Fund (0100).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3RD, DAY OF JUNE 2024.

MOVED by Steager, seconded by Bauer, 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

**Committees Reports**

Krafka presented to the board a timeline and synopsis of the last Hwy 30/64 Corridor meeting. He said we should know by July if the planning study will be 100% funded or if we will have a 20% obligation.

**Discussion - Budget**

Laska reminded the board that the next meeting is the last meeting of the fiscal year, and she will be presenting the board with Resolutions transferring money from General to Road and Road to Special Road Fund. She is hoping to meet with the budget committee before the next meeting to discuss the transfers and the upcoming budget timeline.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be June 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska  
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore  
Chairman