

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 01, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 1st day of July, 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.

Set Date & Time for Appointed Employee's Annual Evaluations

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to set date & time for appointed employee's annual evaluations for August 5th at 11:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Consideration/Adoption of Resolution 2024 –15 - Approval to Apply for Federal Funding-Public Transit – Replaces Resolution 2022-26

Senior Center Director, Diana McDonald, appeared before the board to explain that since it has taken so long to get the new Van that was previously approved in 2022; she needed to re-advertise and have a new resolution approved by the board. This resolution will replace Resolution 2022-26 for this application. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to approve Resolution 2024-15 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 15

WHEREAS, there are federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act to fund capital for a replacement vehicle, which projects are eligible for 80% federal funding with a 20% local match (10% from State and 10% from County), and

WHEREAS, Butler County Public Transit desires to apply for said funds for a replacement vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Butler County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the replacement vehicle project and instructs the Butler County Public Transit to apply for said funds.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 1ST, DAY OF JULY, 2024.

MOVED by Sypal, 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>	_____	_____	_____
<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

Discussion/Possible Action – County Board to designate the printing service for LB 644 Postcards

County Clerk Stephanie Laska explained to the board that they need to designate their printing vendor per LB644 for the Joint Public Hearing. In the past we have went with MIPS and their vendor, she recommends this year be not different. MIPS will be using CSG. Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to go with MIPS and CSG for printing service for the LB 644 Postcards. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

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

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Svoboda to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:10 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Update on 911 Tower

Chairman Whitmore asked for an update on the 911 Tower. He asked County Attorney Julie Reiter if she had any information. She said it was a work in progress right now.

Committee Reports

Krafka informed the board that the Hwy 30/64 Corridor grant that was applied for regarding the planning study, was not approved, he informed the board that they were looking into appealing the decision, he would know more the next time they meet.

Steager and Sypal updated the board regarding the Hospital meetings. The projects are moving along, they will be bringing in more outpatient services once the project is complete.

Approval of Utility Permit for Northeast Nebraska Telephone – installing fiber optic in Center Township, Franklin Township, Oak Creek Township, Richardson Township, & Skull Creek Township

Highway Superintendent, Randy Isham presented the board with a utility permit for Northeast Nebraska Telephone to install fiber optic in Center Township, Franklin Township, Oak Creek Township, Richardson Township, & Skull Creek Township. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Steager to approve the permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Approval of Utility Permit for Northeast Nebraska Telephone – plow fiber into a cell tower located between R & S on Road 31

Isham presented the board with another utility permit for Northeast Nebraska Telephone to plow fiber into the cell tower located between R & S on Road 31. Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to approve the permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Discussion/possible action regarding the Skull Creek Township Interlocal Agreement

Isham presented the board with an updated interlocal agreement with Skull Creek Township. He informed the board that rates hadn't been updated since 2019. This will be an annual agreement since they are eventually trying to go out on their own. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Bauer to approve the interlocal as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham informed the board that due to the recent flooding two bridges have moved to the top of the list to be replaced, one located in Bone Creek and one in Linwood Township. He will be contacting the chip sealing company for an update on when they will be starting their project. He addressed a few questions from the board members. He's hoping once everything dries out he will have all machines running and he will be moving to Read, Reading & Summit to clean out ditches and culverts.

Blue Valley Behavioral Health – Annual Update & Budget Request

Jon Day, Executive Director for Blue Valley Behavioral Health appeared before the board and presented BVBH's annual report and funding request for 2024-2025. For fiscal year 2024-2025 BVBH is requesting \$5,720.

District 5 Probation Annual update & Budget Request

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer and Jeff Banholzer, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, appeared before the board to present the annual report for 2023 and funding request for fiscal year 2024-2025. The annual funding request for 2024-2025 is \$15,868.68.

Approval of Problem-Solving Court Interlocal agreement between Butler, Saunders, & Colfax Counties

Rodriguez & Banholzer presented the board with an updated interlocal agreement for Problem-Solving Court between Butler, Saunders, & Colfax Counties. They said that nothing changed except the term up agreement was updated to July 1, 2024 through June 20, 2026. Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to approve the interlocal as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Update

Noxious Weed Superintendent, Max Birkel appeared before the board to give them an update. He said that the State inspector had been out, and he closed the open file that Butler County had, however, in the 6 sections that he inspected he found a patch of fragmites, therefore, Butler County has another open file. Birkel said that the issues that came up during inspection dealt with Canada Thistle and fragmites and he has addressed the issues. The Canada thistle areas appear to have been knocked out by what he sprayed but we will not know about the fragmites until next year. He also informed the board that previous grant funding they had received from the state has been eliminated and he may have to budget for those expenses that have previously been covered by grants.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be July 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman