

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 11, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 11th day of September 2024 at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room in David City, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m.

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

The chairman asked for a moment of silence to remember those who lost their life on September 1, 2001.

Budget Hearing for 2024-2025

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Steager to open the Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 County Budget at 6:00 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, presented a summary of the budget.

Summary of budget information: The published levy was .177389. Compared to last year's tax request the 2024-2025 tax request decreased \$38,366.55 down -0.748. This year's tax request is \$5,085,264.79. The levy this year is going down -5.063%. The county valuation increased 4.545%. The summary published before the meeting included a transfer of \$500,000 from the Inheritance fund.

Laska asked the board if they had any additional questions regarding the budget.

Supervisor Steager reported that the committee met 3 separate times, one of those meetings they met with department heads about their individual budgets. They made the biggest cuts from the Road Department and the Sheriff Department.

Chairman Whitmore asked the public in attendance if they had any comments and concerns about the budget. Public comment was taken from Scott Griess and David McPhillips. Each thanked the board for keeping the County below the threshold of having to attend the Joint Public Hearing. General comments

and questions regarding future inflation and whether the board is kicking the can down the road for future projects and tax increases.

The board responded that inflation is always a concern and if there was crystal ball with the answers that would be great, they also said that they have not delayed any projects that are needed in order to keep taxes lower now.

Chairman Whitmore asked if there was any further discussion from the board. There was none. He asked if there was any further comment from the public. There was none. There being no further comments, Whitmore asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal to close the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be September 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman