

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 7, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 7th day of October, 2024 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Tony Krafska, Scot Bauer, Scott Steager, Jan Sypal, Robert Coufal, & Anthony Whitmore. Absent: 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. The availability of the agenda was communicated in 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.

Approval of utility permit for Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline to bore in a pipe under Road B north of Road 33

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham presented a utility permit for Trailblazer CO2 Pipeline to bore in a pipe under Road B north of Road 33, it moves the route 1000 feet to the north from the previously approved utility permit. Moved by Steager, seconded by Coufal to approve the utility permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Steager, Sypal, Coufal, Krafska, Bauer, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Approval of utility permit for Windstream to install a cable at Road E & Hwy 92 by Rising City

Isham presented a utility permit for Windstream to install a cable at Road E & Hwy 92 by Rising City. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Bauer to approve the permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Steager, Bauer, Krafska, Coufal, & Whitmore.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham updated the board that the bulk of their culvert projects are completed, they have a few road culverts on D Road South of Surprise, they will be getting to them soon. He said surprisingly with as dry as it is the roads are holding up. The Dwight/Brainard Hwy striping project is complete. He said he has had a request to reclass Road 22 & Road 23; currently Road 22 is a county road and 23 is a township road; 23 is the busier road and the townships would like the county to take it over. He informed the board that the interlocal between Lindwood Township and the County ended on October 1st and they still do not have an operator hired. They are still working on the contract for the pit. Lastly, he informed the board he will be out for a while, he is having his shoulder replaced.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

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

Monthly Sheriff Report

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

Expenditures report July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024

The expenditure report for July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 was presented before the board and placed on file in the clerk's office.

Authorize Chairman to sign/Certification Statement for Countywide Cost Allocation Plan (Maximus)

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Bauer to authorize the chairman to sign the Certification Statement for Countywide Cost Allocation Plan (Maximus). Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action regarding the County paying for Flu Vaccinations for County employees

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal to pay for county employees flu vaccinations through Butler County Health. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Discussion/possible action – authorize the clerk's office to reissue lost ARPA check for Dwight Rural Fire

Whitmore explained that the Dwight Rural Fire contacted him to see when we would be mailing the check for reimbursement for the truck, they purchased with ARPA funds. He said he informed them it was mailed in July and informed them where we mailed it. They could not find it and asked that it be replaced as soon as possible. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to authorize the Clerk's office to reissue the lost ARPA check for Dwight Rural Fire. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Steager, seconded by Bauer to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:25 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Moved by Steager, seconded by Krafka to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:28 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Svoboda.

Motion carried.

Discussion

Steager informed the board that he and County Attorney Julie Reiter have met with the Heins family regarding the contract for the ground. Reiter informed the board that the contract is a preliminary contract and will be finalized after the tower is built and the actual area can be surveyed. The preliminary contract will be put on the next agenda for the board to approve.

Open bids for 911 Communication Tower

Three bids for the 911 Communication Tower were received; they are as follows:

1. Shaffer Communications \$492,500.00
2. First Wireless, Inc. \$693,197.18
3. Sabre Industries \$460,497.00

The board directed Emergency Manager Mark Doehling to review the bids and the board would approve a tower bid at the next board meeting on October 21, 2024.

Committee Reports

Bauer reported that he went to the public hearing for the Hwy 81 4 lane expansion. He informed the board that they will be installing a roundabout at Hwy 81 & 92 by Stromsburg and an R-cut at Hwy 81 & 64 by Reg's 7mile. The R-cut was an unpopular topic by most that attended, however, in Bauer's opinion the state already has their mind made up.

Discussion

There was discussion regarding the turning lanes in David City by Casey's and Aquinas as well as North of town where trucks will turn to go to the AGP plant.

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The County Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection from 9:47 a.m. until 9:57 a.m.

Discussion

Laska asked the board if there was anyone available to go to the annual NIRMA conference October 24th-25th, none of the board members were able to make it, however, Steager, Bauer and Krafka said they would attend the December NACO conference along with Sypal who already had made arrangements with Laska.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be October 21, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman