

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 21, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 21st day of January, 2025 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Scott Steager, Tony Krafka, Scot Bauer, Scott Griess, Jan Sypal, and Brad Vandenberg. Absent: Robert Coufal.

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.

Certificates of Service

Chairman Steager presented County Surveyor Brian Foral with a Certificate of Service for 10 years of service.

Discussion

Steager introduced Lori Aschoff, she was appointed to be the Butler County Clerk and will take over February 1, 2025.

Approval of Agreement with Maximus Consulting Service, Inc./Completion of Indirect Cost Allocation Plan (Fiscal Year End 2025, 2026, 2027)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Krafka to approve the contract as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding contract with Steager Lawn Service LLC, Steager Irrigation LLC, Steager Storage LLC and Butler County

Supervisor Steager has filed Form C-3 with the Clerk's office and is making known his Contractual interest with Butler County today in the open meeting.

Discussion on upcoming NDOT projects

County Surveyor Brian Foral appeared before the board to remind them of the agreement that was signed with NDOT a few years back which outlined the county's responsibilities regarding surveying corners when NDOT has a paving project. He also reminded them that when this agreement was signed, he had talked with the board that if it was a big project he would need to contract out help, since he is part-time, he won't be able to

complete it all by himself. He said that he will budget for the expense next budget year and that when he hires out for help the cost will not be more than what the county will collect from the state.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2025 - 04 – Butler County Extension Board Appointments 2025

Presented before the board were the Butler County Extension Board appointments for 2025. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg to approve the resolution as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

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BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Resolution 2025-04

Whereas the University of Nebraska Extension is a valuable part of Butler County, and

Whereas the Extension Board is the organization appointed by the Butler County Board of Supervisors to oversee the Nebraska Extension programming in this county, and

Whereas public participation in this level of government is respected civil service, and

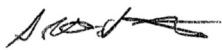
Whereas the Butler County Board of Supervisors desires to continue this tradition of local cooperation with Butler County Extension, and

Whereas Carrie Carter, 4-H Council Representative, has been recommended to fill the open position on the Extension Board, then

Be it resolved, the Butler County Board of Supervisors appoint Carrie Carter to the Butler County Extension Board and extend the appointment of the citizens currently serving Butler County as shown in the attached list for the terms as shown, and

Be it resolved, the Butler County Board of Supervisors express their gratitude to retiring board member, Tiffany Allen, and to these board members for their service.

Given under my hand on this, the 21st day of January 2025, in David City Nebraska.



Chairperson, Butler County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


County Clerk



Discussion/Possible Action - Lease of County owned real estate in Linwood Township

Presented before the board was the annual lease of county owned real estate in Linwood Township. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Krafka to approve the lease as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Sypal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action - Letter of Support for the City of David City's grant application to update the David City Auditorium

County Clerk Stephanie Laska explained to the board that the City of David City is applying for a grant to update the David City Auditorium. She explained that she uses the auditorium for election and that to have updates would be great. She told the board that the more letters of support they can have the better and she didn't prepare the letter beforehand since she hadn't spoken with anyone ahead of time. The board agreed they would send a letter also and would vote on it at the next meeting on February 3, 2025.

Approval to purchase used pickup truck from the federal surplus

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham appeared before the board to request the purchase of a 2016 Dodge Ram from the State's federal surplus. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Krafka to approve the purchase of the 2016 Dodge Ram. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Krafka, Bauer, Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham reported that not much was going on in the Roads Department, they've been working to fill potholes, trimming trees at the intersections and on curves. He also informed the board that they paid for an employee to get his spraying license so they could spray the bridges. The board told Isham to work alongside the weed superintendent.

Discussion/Possible action regarding hiring a part-time maintenance person

The board again discussed the need for hiring a part-time maintenance person, currently there is an employee fulfilling the prior position that was posted, so the board needs to determine if they are creating an additional position or modifying the current position. The board decided to table the discussion until further notice so they can look at the budget and determine a job description.

Claims

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Sypal to approve all claims except the Steager Lawn Service LLC claim.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Krafka, Vandenberg, Sypal, Griess, Bauer, & Steager.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal.

Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg to approve the Steager Lawn Service LLC claim. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Sypal, & Griess.

Nay: NONE.

Abstain: Steager

Absent: Coufal.
Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Sypal informed the board that she notified the hospital of the appointment of Jackie DeWispelare to the Hospital board. Also, during the upcoming meeting, they will be getting a tour of the hospital addition. Sypal also updated the board on the most recent law enforcement meeting. The city is proposing license plate recognition cameras; the city would need to buy 2 cameras, and the county would need to buy 2, currently both Sheriff Dion and County Attorney Rieter are opposed to the project. The city also would like to extend their jurisdiction for traffic control on Highway 15, it was discussed there are areas within their jurisdiction they need to watch for traffic control before they should consider extending it. There was also discussion about the speed limit north of town and the state has been notified.

Correspondence

1. Blue Valley Community Action Agenda for Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Discussion - Hot Meals USA

Steager & Bauer discussed with the board that at the NACO conference they spoke with a vendor called Hot Meals USA and they provide meals at no cost during disasters. They provide full meals not just snacks to those affected by natural disasters. They are based out of Kearney and have several trucks ready to go at a moment's notice to respond to these incidents. In 2024, they were in Elkhorn after the tornadoes in April, in Cozad after the hailstorm in June, in Papillion after the windstorm causing power outages in August as well as other places across the country. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates on donations.

Discussion – New Board Member orientation

Vandenberg and Griess reported that they attended the new board member orientation in Kearney on January 17th and it was very informative.

Discussion – NE Public Notices Update

Laska gave an update regarding nepublicnotices.com and how to get the notices on that platform. There is nothing the county can do themselves, however, if they contact the Banner Press, they will post the notice on their website and nepublicnotices.com as well as the notice will be published in the next edition of the Banner Press. This will meet the requirements of the updated open meetings act.

Discussion – Tallgrass Pipeline Update

Steager informed the board that he was contacted by Tallgrass with an update about the pipeline, he informed the board that the project is moving along and that before the pipeline can go online, they need to test the pipeline for leaks which will be done using water. An update was sent to the clerk stating the same information, she told the board she would forward that email so they all could have it in the event they receive questions or they themselves have questions.

Discussion – Center Township purchased new motor grader

Vandenberg reported that Center Township purchased a new motor grader from Murphy Tractor and traded in their old one; Skull Creek has been notified of the trade.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be February 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Scott Steager
Chairman

