

## BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 3, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 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, Robert Coufal, Brad Vandenberg. Absent: Jan Sypal.

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.

County Clerk Lori Aschoff noted an error in the February 18, 2025, meeting minutes: Discussion/Possible Action – Appointment of Tara Palensky to the health board, Moved by Coufal, seconded by Bauer to appoint ~~Dr. Jillian Fickenscher~~ Tara Palensky to the health board for Four Corners Health Department. The Chairman declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as corrected.

### **Certificates of Service**

Chairman Steager presented Certificates of Service to Michelle Clary (District Court – 20 years) and Zach Aniel (Roads Department – 10 years).

### **Discussion/Possible Action regarding the proposed installation of an ALPR camera by the State of Nebraska in Butler County for Colfax County.**

Discussion held. County Attorney Reiter noted that per the agreement provided by Colfax County, maintenance and associated costs and liability for the new camera would be the responsibility of Butler County. The mandates and liability imposed on political subdivisions by the Nebraska License Plate Reader Act (§§ 60-3201 to 30-3209) would be a hardship on the County, and we have other priorities at this time. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Vandenberg not to approve the contract for the proposed installation of an ALPR camera by the State of Nebraska in Butler County for Colfax County. Upon roll call the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess, Steager

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

### **BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (See Separate Minutes)**

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Griess to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:08am. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Griess, Coufal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Steager

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Vandenberg to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:14am. Upon roll call the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess, Steager

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action regarding a utility permit for Judd Ruth to install a water line under Road 29 between Roads C & D in Reading Township**

Application reviewed. Ruth needs to irrigate on the south side of the road and the pump is located on the north side. The proposed water line should have no effect on the road. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Bauer to approve the utility permit for Judd Ruth to install a water line under Road 29 between Roads C & D in Reading Township. Upon roll call the following voted:

Aye: Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess, Coufal, Steager

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action regarding the purchase of a dump truck from State bids**

Discussion held regarding the purchase of a dump truck to replace an older truck. The truck will be outfitted with attachments enabling it to be utilized year-round. The truck to be replaced was purchased used several years ago and has surpassed its useful life expectancy. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal to purchase a dump truck from State bids for \$223,093. Upon roll call the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Griess, Coufal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Steager

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

**Update on Roads**

Highway Superintendent Isham noted that the new dump truck will hopefully be here by mid-summer. County roads are starting to get soft. Truck traffic is tearing up E Road and it will likely need some white rock. The plows will be ready for potential snow as a winter weather watch has been issued for tomorrow.

**Discussion/possible action regarding the rehire of a former employee**

Chairman Steager reported that a second interview was conducted with the former employee. Board members Vandenberg and Bauer also participated in the interview, along with HR Director Heidi Loges and Jail Administrator Angie Siebken. Motion to hire the former employee made by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg. Upon roll call the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Coufal, Griess, Steager

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

**Other Discussion**

- Four Corners Health Department is beginning phase two of their building remodel. Completion expected by year-end.

- The Butler County Development (BCD) Board met last week. One discussion item was the possibility of hiring an Economic Development Director, with salary to be paid by the City and the County. The BCD Board would remain intact as an advisory committee. More research needs to be conducted.

**Correspondence**

- The 2024 audit exit interview was conducted last week with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. An issue noted in the report regarding gravel invoices and payments has been resolved.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be March 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff  
County Clerk

Scott Steager  
Chairman