

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 17th 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.

Chairman Steager declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as presented.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

The County Clerk fee report for the month February 2025 was reviewed, 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 February 2025 reviewed, accepted, and placed on file.

Monthly Sheriff Report

The Monthly Sheriff Report for the month of February 2025 was reviewed, accepted, and placed on file.

Claims

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Bauer to pay all the claims. Upon roll call the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

Consideration/Approval of Resolution 2025-07 Approval to Apply for Federal Funding – Public Transit

Senior Center Director Diana McDonald explained that she needs to apply for Federal funding for public transit and asked the board to approve both a resolution and the application. She noted the application is for two years, Fiscal years 07/01/2025 through 6/30/2027. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg to approve Resolution 2025-07 as presented. Upon roll call the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUTLER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 07**

WHEREAS, there are federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act and for the Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, Butler County Public Transit desires to apply for said funds to provide public transportation in Butler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Butler County Board of Supervisors hereby instructs the Butler County Public Transit to apply for said funds. Said funds are to be used for the Butler County Public Transit transportation operations in FY 2025-2026 and FY 2026-2027.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025. MOVED by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg, that the above resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:
<u>/s/ Tony Krafka</u>	_____	<u>Jan Sypal</u>	_____
<u>/s/ Brad Vandenberg</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/ Robert Coufal</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/ Scott Griess</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/ Scot Bauer</u>	_____	_____	_____
<u>/s/ Scott Steager</u>	_____	_____	_____

Attested to by:

/s/ Lori L. Aschoff
Lori L. Aschoff
Butler County Clerk

Consideration/Approval of 5311 Operating Assistance Application for FY2026 and 2027

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Vandenberg to approve the 5311 Operating Assistance Application for FY2026 and 2027. Upon roll call the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE

Absent: Sypal

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Chairman Steager reported that he met with the 911 Coordinator since the last meeting. Discussion items were pursuits and the Zuercher contract with DCPD. Krafka reported that he received a call from Mark Schoenrock of Jefferson County regarding LB216. Chairman Steager reported that he called State Senator Jared Storm to discuss and explain his opposition to LB468. He encouraged board members to reach out to Storm and other state senators to discuss/express their concerns about these bills.

Flood Plain Update

Flood Plain Administrator Breann Whitmore reported that no permits have been issued to-date. The Schuyler map update has not yet been completed as they are waiting on FEMA. Whitmore met with David City Building Inspector Gary Meister; she gave him a blank flood plain permit application for reference and explained that

permits are issued at the county level. There has been no ice jam flooding in the immediate area. Whitmore recently attended a two-day training session.

Correspondence

County Clerk Lori Aschoff shared Blue Valley Community Action’s upcoming meeting agenda, most recent meeting minutes, and CEO report. NIRMA will host training sessions on employment practices in April for interested county board members; registration deadline is 3/21/2025.

Roads Update

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham reported that they put chains and plows on the trucks and tractors due to the expected snow storm this week. There are a lot of soft spots on the county roads; department staff have been flagging them and will work on them after the storm. They will finish trimming trees in county owned ROWs today. There are two spots near the Polk County line where water drains and runs over the road that will likely need to be repaired. Department staff will hopefully finish cleaning ditches by the middle or end of next week. Isham talked to the gravel operator in Linwood and asked him to turn in a gravel order because their roads are bare.

Discussion/possible action regarding 911 Dispatch starting wage increase

911 Coordinator Jami Bowers conducted a wage survey of the surrounding counties, as well as similar sized counties, which she provided to the board. She requested a \$1.00/hour increase for starting and current wages. Surrounding counties pay more, but they are busier. Bowers reported that the department is now fully staffed. Discussion held regarding a step program; Bowers noted it is helpful to use to know where to start employees with experience, but not for general use. Krafka stated we need to be mindful that other departments in the county have similar starting wages and could expect to be able to increase their wages as well. Discussion held regarding the need for common terminology/verbiage by first responders and dispatch. Bowers said she is working on it and asked for help from the board. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Vandenberg to increase the starting wage to \$20.50/hour and to increase current wages by \$1.00/hour effective April 1st. Upon roll call the following voted:

- Aye: Coufal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Griess
- Nay: NONE
- Abstain: Steager
- Absent: Sypal
- Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be April 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff
County Clerk

Scott Steager
Chairman

Claims List March, 2025

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
<i>Blue Cross Blue Shield (employer share dental insurance premiums)</i>	\$2,294.73
<i>Insurance</i>	
<i>Cenex-Fleet Fueling (fuel)</i>	\$267.33
<i>Sheriff</i>	
<i>David City Utilities (electric, water & sewer)</i>	\$4,391.45
<i>Noxious Weed, Detention & Bldg & Grnds</i>	

Medica (employer share insurance premiums)	\$54,932.48
Insurance	
Pitney Bowes/Reserve Account (refill postal meter)	\$8,000.00
Misc.	
Spectrum/Charter Communications (internet service)	\$490.00
Bldg & Grnds	
US Cellular (time & attendance)	\$201.20
Data Processing	
US Cellular-Cell Phone (cell phone-Max)	\$75.88
Noxious Weed	
WEX Bank (fuel)	\$252.26
Sheriff	
Windstream (phone service)	\$521.87
Bldg & Grnds	
Black Hills Energy (natural gas service)	\$690.86
Detention Center	
Clearly (phone service)	\$1,280.14
Bldg & Grnds	
US Cellular (cell phones, modems, etc.)	\$952.84
Sheriff	
Verizon (cell phone)	\$43.03
H.R.	
Verizon Wireless (cell phone)	\$30.02
Appraisal	
Salaries	\$220,577.35
Various	
Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. (mental health care)	\$2,332.17
Detention Center	
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation (employer share retirement)	\$14,734.23
Various	
Applied Connective Technologies (office supplies & equipment, IT, licensing, etc.)	\$6,168.91
Sheriff & Data Processing	
BJ's Hardware (supplies)	\$30.76
Bldg & Grnds	
Bar S Vet (dog picked up in RC and taken to Bar S)	\$52.45
Sheriff	
Benchmark Government Solutions, LLC (meals)	\$2,573.80
Sheriff	
Black Hills Energy (natural gas service)	\$2,542.43
Bldg & Grnds	
Bromm, Lindahl, Freeman-Caddy & Lausterer (Attorney fee)	\$1,862.50
Public Defender	
Butler County Court (uncollectable fees)	\$1,392.95
Misc.	
Butler County Detention (transport for Dist. Court)	\$277.51
Dist. Court	
Butler County Dist. Court (State fees)	\$144.00
Dist. Court	
Butler County Health (General Assistance, medical care & lab work)	\$3,825.67
Relief Medical & Detention	
Butler County Register of Deeds (Survey filing fees)	\$16.00
Surveyor	

Butler County Sheriff (Attorney, Dist., Court & County Court fees)	\$1,433.79
Misc.	
Butler County Treasurer (Local matching funds for Oct. & Nov., 2024)	\$2,289.00
Misc.	
Capital Business System (copier lease & copy charges)	\$221.67
Sheriff	
Column Software (meetings, notices, minutes, claims, etc.)	\$977.11
Extension & Misc.	
Culligan of Columbus (water, cooler rental & water softener)	\$596.70
Bldg & Grnds, Detention & Misc.	
CVSOAN Treasurer (conference)	\$60.00
Veteran Service	
DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance (licenses)	\$1,209.00
Sheriff	
David City ACE Hardware (supplies)	\$167.91
Bldg & Grnds & Detention	
David City Discount Pharmacy (prescriptions & supplies for Inmates)	\$157.71
Detention Center	
Jane Dobesh (Prior Service Benefit)	\$16.00
Misc.	
Douglas County Sheriff (paper service)	\$21.98
County Attorney	
E.F.T.P.S. (employer share social security withholding)	\$16,352.86
Various	
Eakes Office Solutions (copies, various supplies)	\$1,815.28
Assessor, Detention, Misc., Dist. Court, Treasurer, County Clerk, Election Comm.	
County Court & H.R.	
Egan Supply (lease for dishwasher)	\$75.00
Detention Center	
First Nat'l Bank-Visa (Dental, membership keyboard, mouse, Zoom)	\$135.75
County Clerk & Detention Center	
First Nat'l Bank-Visa (toner, envelopes, Otterboxes)	\$317.94
Sheriff	
FLS (monthly equipment rental)	\$225.00
Surveyor	
Frontier Coop (fuel)	\$1,279.54
Extension & Sheriff	
Lucille F. Fuxa-Cuba (Prior Service Benefit)	\$10.00
Misc.	
Garratt Callahan (cooling tower treatment)	\$280.00
Bldg & Grnds	
Hometown Leasing (copier leases)	\$1,333.49
H.R., Detention, County Court, Dist. Court, Misc., Treasurer, County Attorney	
Marcella M. Howe (Prior Service Benefit)	\$16.00
Misc.	
Indoff Incorporated (various supplies)	\$366.85
County Clerk, Assessor, Misc.	
Intoximeters, Inc. (DMT repair)	\$1,331.15
Sheriff	
Jackson Services (rugs, mops, towels, etc.)	\$331.01
Bldg & Grnds & Detention	
Eldeen Kabourek (Prior Service Benefit)	\$11.00
Misc.	

<i>Kraci Funeral Home (transport-pouch & mileage)</i>	\$555.00
County Attorney	
<i>Kobza Motors, Inc. (service job, tires, balance, disposal, wrecker call, etc.)</i>	\$2,880.29
Sheriff	
<i>Language Line (Interpreter for booking Inmates)</i>	\$18.88
Detention Center	
<i>Lincoln Journal Star (legals)</i>	\$446.34
Misc.	
<i>Mid-States Organized Crime Center (membership dues)</i>	\$200.00
County Attorney & Sheriff	
<i>Midwest Special Services (transport Juvenile)</i>	\$443.00
Detention Center	
<i>MIPS Inc. (scanning pkgs., microfilming, software, W2's, Digital Signature, etc.)</i>	\$4,110.68
County Court, Dist. Court, Data Processing, County Clerk	
<i>NE Law Enforcement Training Center (certification, materials & Chrome Books)</i>	\$292.00
Sheriff	
<i>NE State Library/Publications Office (Law/Statute books)</i>	\$217.15
County Clerk	
<i>Nebraska Ass'n of County Treasurer's (workshop)</i>	\$175.00
Treasurer	
<i>Nebraska Health & Human Services (Patient @ Lincoln Reginal Center-January)</i>	\$96.00
Institutions	
<i>Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services (juvenile services)</i>	\$1,296.25
Misc.	
<i>Northside, Inc. (propane, fuel, car washes)</i>	\$916.31
Noxious Weed & Sheriff	
<i>Paper Tiger Shredding (document shredding)</i>	\$75.00
Misc.	
<i>Pitney Bowes, Inc. (ink cartridges & E-Z seal)</i>	\$605.86
Misc.	
<i>Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services (lease on Postal Machine)</i>	\$789.39
Misc.	
<i>Platte County Sheriff (paper service)</i>	\$18.73
County Attorney	
<i>Plunkett's Pest Control (spray for pests)</i>	\$90.27
Bldg & Grnds	
<i>Point C COE (monthly Cobra Administration)</i>	\$75.00
Insurance	
<i>Polk County Sheriff (paper service)</i>	\$82.56
County Attorney	
<i>Travis Prochaska (mileage)</i>	\$81.20
Extension	
<i>Quill, LLC (post-it flags)</i>	\$3.65
County Clerk	
<i>Rehmer Auto Parts (wiper blades, etc.)</i>	\$90.67
Sheriff	
<i>Saunders County Department of Corrections (safekeep of prisoner)</i>	\$79.00
Detention Center	
<i>Shaffer Communications (equipment)</i>	\$1,292.65
Emergency Mgmt.	
<i>Morgan Smith (Attorney fees)</i>	\$600.00
Public Defender	

Software Unlimited Corporation (renew software maintenance)	\$2,781.41
County Attorney	
Timothy Sopinski (Public Defender contract)	\$6,250.00
Public Defender	
Summit Food Service (Inmate meals)	\$11,236.16
Detention Center	
The Waldinger (boiler maintenance)	\$1,193.76
Bldg & Grnds	
Thomson Reuters-West (Law Library & information charges)	\$1,824.94
Misc.	
Joyce Thorson (Prior Service Benefit)	\$10.00
Misc.	
Tyler Technologies (license agreement)	\$449.00
Veteran Service	
UNL AEM Business Center (4-H Extension Educator)	\$12,489.96
Extension	
Neal Valorz (Attorney fees)	\$1,791.25
Public Defender	
Walmart Community (Inmate supplies)	\$208.84
Detention Center	
Waste Connections (trash removal)	\$325.13
Bldg & Grnds	
Kenny Pelan (cell phone)	\$30.00
Bldg & Grnds	
Julie Reiter (cell phone)	\$30.00
County Attorney	
Robert Coufal (cell phone)	\$30.00
Detention	
Angie Siebken (cell phone)	\$30.00
Detention	
Mark Doehling (cell phone)	\$30.00
Emergency Mgmt.	
Lori Aschoff (2-registrations & mileage)	\$162.60
County Clerk & Noxious Weed	
Erin Robinson (membership dues)	\$50.00
Veteran Service	
Karey Adamy (mileage)	\$82.60
Treasurer	
Amy Shields (sweatshirts)	\$40.98
Detention	
Heidi Loges (mileage)	\$39.20
H.R.	
TOTAL	\$416,603.27

ROAD FUND CLAIMS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
Black Hills Energy (natural gas service)	\$397.01
Butler Public Power Dist. (electric service)	\$1,857.45
WEX Bank (fuel)	\$2,027.36
Windstream (phone service)	\$169.12

Salaries	\$92,269.01
Advanced Auto Glass (remove & replace glass)	\$395.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation (employer share retirement)	\$5,924.40
BJ's Hardware (various supplies)	\$45.40
Bomgaars (various supplies)	\$733.77
Butler County Welding (various supplies)	\$331.86
Carpenter Paper Company (paper products)	\$197.56
David City Ace Hardware (various supplies)	\$682.52
E.F.T.P.S. (employer share social security withholding)	\$6,607.51
Fastenal Company (chain)	\$1,261.65
Fire Guard (fire extinguisher testing & replacements)	\$1,969.10
Frontier Coop (unleaded gas)	\$45.59
Ideal Pure Water of Lincoln (water & cooler rental)	\$85.00
Jackson Services (employee uniforms, entry mats & shop towels)	\$1,088.56
Johnson Trucking (road gravel picked up at Pit)	\$9,970.38
Kimball Midwest (floor screws, drill bit, grind wheels, safety glasses)	\$821.34
Klute Truck Equipment (3-mudflaps)	\$45.00
Lee's Refrigeration (repair of tube heaters in Shop)	\$520.96
Martin Marietta Materials (clean white rock)	\$1,909.61
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. (tank rentals)	\$30.03
Midwest Service & Sales (plow bolts & nuts, grader blades)	\$4,064.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment (27" Moldboard Extension)	\$1,500.00
Northside, Inc. (propane, diesel, DEF, unleaded gas, tires & tire repairs, kerosene)	\$32,672.83
Power Plan (repairs & parts)	\$4,205.42
RC Pit Stop (diesel fuel)	\$537.56
RDO Truck Centers (glass, molding, rubber)	\$540.19
Rehmer Auto Parts (parts, tools & supplies)	\$2,222.89
Rerucha Ag & Auto Supply (parts, DEF, tools & supplies)	\$2,087.40
Sack Lumber Company (drill bit & bit set)	\$41.98
Schmid & Sons (core charge on compressor, new radiator & frame, antifreeze)	\$3,881.09
Surplus Center (hydraulic cylinder for drag lift)	\$531.90
Truck Center Companies (cab door panel, spring clutch return)	\$311.97
Village of Brainard (electric & water service)	\$41.76
Village of Ulysses (water & sewer service)	\$52.73
Wal-Mart Vision Center (safety glasses)	\$270.00
Weldon Parts, Inc. (brake drums, Reman shoes, hardware kit, flags)	\$1,667.20
Greg Brecka (cell phone)	\$30.00
Randy Isham (cell phone)	\$30.00
Jim Novacek (cell phone)	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$184,104.11

SPECIAL ROAD FUND CLAIMS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
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TOTAL **\$0.00**

EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
<i>Eakes Office Solutions (office furniture & moving services)</i>	\$13,017.62

TOTAL **\$13,017.62**

CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE FUND

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

VISITOR'S PROMOTION

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

ROD PRESERVATION

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
<i>MIPS, Inc. (Nebraska Deeds Online & microfilming)</i>	\$332.79
TOTAL	\$332.79

VETERAN'S AID CLAIMS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

RURAL TRANSIT SERVICE

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
<i>David City Utilities (electric, water & sewer-30%)</i>	\$403.96
<i>Black Hills Energy (natural gas service-Garage)</i>	\$134.80
<i>US Cellular (cell phone-30% & 5 tablet plans)</i>	\$177.64

Salaries	\$6,545.23
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation (employers share retirement)	\$398.15
Butler County Senior Services (car wash & vehicle title)	\$17.00
Column Software PBC (Public Notice)	\$13.04
E.F.T.P.S. (employer's share social security withholding)	\$496.16
Frontier Coop (fuel)	\$537.99
Indoff Incorporated (envelopes-30%)	\$17.99
Diana McDonald (car wash)	\$8.00
Diane Kozisek (cell phone)	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$8,779.96

SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
David City Utilities (electric, water & sewer-70%)	\$942.58
Black Hills Energy (natural gas service-Kitchen)	\$95.14
US Cellular (cell phones-70%)	\$66.34
Salaries	\$9,495.14
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation (employers share retirement)	\$596.43
Buresh Meats (meat & milk)	\$233.27
Butler County Senior Services (bread)	\$42.00
Cash-Wa Distributing (food, HDM paper, supplies, salad bar, meal paper)	\$3,508.71
Didier's Grocery (food)	\$147.38
E.F.T.P.S. (employer's share social security withholding)	\$707.37
Indoff Incorporated (envelopes-70%)	\$42.00
Menards (coffee bar light and calking for the bathroom sink)	\$48.88
SuperSaver (food, supplies, salad bar)	\$380.32
Wright-Way (cabled coffee bar hand sink)	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$16,505.56

SENIOR SERVICES SAVINGS FUND

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

STOP PROGRAM CLAIMS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00

PROBLEM SOLVING COURT

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
Northside, Inc. (cakes for graduation)	\$36.00
Sarah Ryba (cups, napkins, plates)	\$21.25

TOTAL **\$57.25**

D.A.R.E.

Vendor **Amount of Claim**

TOTAL **\$0.00**

CANINE (K-9)

Vendor **Amount of Claim**

TOTAL **\$0.00**

DISASTER FUND

Vendor **Amount of Claim**

TOTAL **\$0.00**

ARPA FUNDS

Vendor **Amount of Claim**

TOTAL **\$0.00**

INHERITANCE TAX

Vendor **Amount of Claim**

TOTAL **\$0.00**

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND CLAIMS

Vendor **Amount of Claim**

<i>Salaries</i>	\$23,989.30
<i>Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation (employers share retirement)</i>	\$1,505.37
<i>Butler Public Power Dist. (911 tower rent for March & Dwight & Birkel Towers)</i>	\$198.07
<i>DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance (Dispatch console)</i>	\$30.00
<i>E.F.T.P.S. (employer's share social security withholding)</i>	\$1,731.49
<i>Eakes Office Solutions (various office supplies & furniture)</i>	\$4,839.38
<i>First Nat'l Bank-Visa (cardigan)</i>	\$40.99
<i>NRIN (PSAP 911 Network to Regional 911 Servers & PSAP to Radio Network)</i>	\$6,600.00
<i>Sack Lumber (brass shelf support & boards)</i>	\$8.49
<i>Windstream (Butler County 911)</i>	\$688.45
<i>Jami Bowers (phone)</i>	\$30.00

<i>Madison Hynek (CPR renewal)</i>	\$21.00
TOTAL	\$39,682.54

911 WIRELESS FUND

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
<i>Windstream (Butler County 911)</i>	\$917.85
TOTAL	\$917.85

911 WIRELESS HOLDING FUND

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

AG SOCIETY BUILDING FUND

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount of Claim</u>
	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$0.00

<u>Grand Total Claims</u>	\$680,000.95
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