

## **BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

July 7, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

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

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 Vice Chairman called the meeting to order and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room.

The Vice Chairman declared the minutes from the previous meeting (6/16/2025) shall stand approved as presented. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to amend the 6/2/2025 meeting minutes to reflect the vote regarding health insurance, which was accidentally omitted from the minutes, as follows: Moved by Coufal, seconded by Griess to renew the County's health insurance contract with Medica. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Vandenberg, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

### **Jill Engle, Aging Partners & Diana McDonald, Senior Center**

Jill Engle, Aging Partners, and Senior Center Director Diana McDonald presented their annual report and reviewed services provided over the last year. They also presented their FY2026 request for funding. The request of \$27,108 represents a 2.3% increase over last year.

### **Thays Silva, Extension Office**

4-H Educator Thays Silva introduced new 4-H Educator Katelynn Ness, previously from Colfax County. She also introduced Extension Intern Aubrey Siffring, who spoke about her experience interning this summer. Office Manager Louise Niemann presented information regarding the Nebraska Department of Energy and Environment (NDEE) Grant Application for a 2026 Scrap Tire Collection Event. The grant opportunity is only open to political subdivisions and has an application deadline of August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held; Niemann noted this would provide the County with an opportunity to collect the scrap tire overage not collected at the last collection event in 2024. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess to apply for funding through NDEE's Scrap Tire Management Grant Program. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Vandenberg, Griess, Sypal, Coufal, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

Vandenberg noted that the Extension office does an outstanding job with all of the 4-H workshops they facilitate, helping kids get ready for the fair, etc.

#### **County Clerk Monthly Fee Report**

The County Clerk fee report for the month of June 2025 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 June 2025 was accepted and placed on file.

#### **Monthly Sheriff Report**

The Monthly Sheriff Report for June 2025 was presented before the board. It was accepted and placed on file.

#### **County Treasurer's Statement January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025**

The County Treasurer's Statement for January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, was accepted and placed on file.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action – County Board to designate the printing service for LB 644 Postcards**

County Clerk Lori Aschoff explained that the Board needs to designate a printing vendor per LB644 for the Joint Public Hearing. We have historically used MIPS, and she recommended the same for this year. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Griess to designate MIPS as printing vendor for the LB 644 Postcards.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Vandenberg, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

#### **Shari Weber, Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) – Annual update and budget request.**

BVCA CEO Shari Weber appeared before the board to present the annual report for FY2025 and funding request for fiscal year FY2025-2026. The annual funding request for 2025-2026 is \$6,800.

#### **Open sealed bids for replacement of Bone Creek Bridge on 44 ½ Road**

Five bids were received and opened:

1. General Excavating, Lincoln NE – \$676,072.57
2. Herbst Construction, LaMars IA – \$601,000.00
3. JMN Construction, Valley NE – \$618,993.40
4. KEA Constructors, Milford NE – \$499,276.00
5. Norfolk Contracting Inc., Norfolk NE – \$428,916.00

Discussion/decision tabled until later in the meeting.

#### **Roads Update**

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham informed the Board that culverts were installed under T Road near Linwood. Roads have been holding up pretty well considering the recent rains we have had, and they are getting caught up on graveling. The new fiscal year brings a new allotment season, so everyone is starting over. Nothing new on the gravel pit – Isham noted he is waiting on the study regarding the effects of flooding and how the proposed gravel pit site would impact the flood plain. They are pumping sand at the existing gravel pit and buying gravel.

### **Approval of Visitors Promotion Fund and Visitors Improvement Fund Requests**

The Visitors Committee recommended Board approval and funding of four separate requests. Sypal suggested the Board award the same amount to each application/request. Discussion was held. Moved by Vandenberg to change the award amounts to flat/even amounts. Motion rescinded by Vandenberg.

1. Butler County Parade - \$700 for radio advertising. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:  
Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Vandenberg, Krafka.  
Nay: NONE.  
Absent: Steager, Bauer.  
Motion carried.
2. Bellwood Daze - \$1000 for radio advertising. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Vandenberg to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:  
Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Vandenberg, Griess, Krafka.  
Nay: NONE.  
Absent: Steager, Bauer.  
Motion carried.
3. David City Summerfest - \$1000 for radio advertising. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:  
Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Vandenberg, Krafka.  
Nay: NONE.  
Absent: Steager, Bauer.  
Motion carried.
4. Bellwood Ball Association - \$2500 for field improvements. Moved by Sypal, seconded by Vandenberg to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:  
Aye: Sypal, Coufal, Vandenberg, Griess, Krafka.  
Nay: NONE.  
Absent: Steager, Bauer.  
Motion carried.

### **Hruska Memorial Public Library Annual Report and thank you letter**

The Hruska Public Library Annual Report was reviewed by the Board, along with a letter from Library Director Lucy Witt thanking the Board for their support.

### **Consideration of Audit Engagement with the Auditor of Public Accounts**

Presented to the Board was an audit engagement letter for FYE 6/30/2025. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Griess to approve the audit engagement letter as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Vandenberg, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

### **Open sealed bids for replacement of Bone Creek Bridge on 44 ½ Road – Continued**

Isham reviewed the bridge replacement bids; he noted all firms are bonded and bids comply with the RFP. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Coufal to accept Norfolk Contracting Inc's bid for \$428,916.00. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Vandenberg, Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action – Request for Proposals (RFP) to develop a Comprehensive Plan.**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Discussion**

None.

**Claims**

None.

**Correspondence**

1. EPA Public Notice – Fourth Five-Year Review completed
2. New NIRMA Executive Director effective 8/2/2025 – Andrea Theiman, NIRMA's current Controller/HR Manager

Meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)**

Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Coufal to move into the Board of Equalization at 11:01 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Vandenberg, Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Sypal to exit the Board of Equalization at 12:29 p.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Vandenberg, Coufal, Sypal, Griess, Krafka.

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Steager, Bauer.

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be July 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff  
County Clerk

Tony Krafka  
Vice Chairman