

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 1, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 1st day of October 2025 in the courtroom at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Notice of the special 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.

Chairman Steager called the meeting to order and announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the courtroom.

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

Interview Planning Commission Applicants/Appointment of Planning Commission Members

Chairman Steager stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews and appoint Planning Commission members. Discussion was held regarding how to structure the commission. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer to appoint one member from each rural district (1, 2, 3, 6, and 7) plus two at-large members, to be selected from any of the County's seven districts. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Interviews were conducted with 13 applicants, beginning with District 7.

District 7: The Board interviewed Devin Jakub. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Coufal to appoint Devin Jakub to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

District 6: The Board interviewed Kevin Hotovy. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Griess to appoint Kevin Hotovy to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

District 3: The Board interviewed Steve Barlean, Gary Meister, Justin Svoboda, and Roger Topil. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Krafka to appoint Steve Barlean to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

District 2: The Board interviewed Jesse Hough and Joseph Peterson. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer to appoint Jesse Hough to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Krafka, Bauer, Coufal, Steager.

Nay: Griess, Vandenberg.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

District 1: The Board interviewed Ryan Hein, John Kobza, and Dan Pavel. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg to appoint John Kobza to the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.
Absent: Sypal.
Motion carried.

The Board interviewed applicants Will Reiter (District 4) and Greg Aschoff (District 5). Supervisors Coufal, Griess, and Vandenberg noted that both applicants have valuable experience that they would bring to the Planning Commission if appointed. Supervisor Krafka expressed for the record that he was disappointed applicant Cheryl Brandenburgh was not at the meeting because she would be a valuable addition to the Planning Commission. Moved by Griess, seconded by Coufal to appoint Will Reiter to the Planning Commission as an at-large member. Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Griess, Coufal, Vandenberg, Krafka, Bauer, Steager.
Nay: NONE.
Absent: Sypal.
Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg to appoint Roger Topil to the Planning Commission as an at-large member. Upon roll call vote the following voted:
Aye: Bauer, Krafka, Vandenberg, Coufal, Steager.
Nay: Griess.
Absent: Sypal.
Motion carried.

Chairman Steager thanked everyone for applying, participating in the interview process, and for their willingness to serve the County. The initial terms will be 1, 2, and 3 years in order to stagger the terms; he encouraged applicants to reapply in a year and noted that all Planning Commission meetings will be open to the public.

Planning Commission members, districts, and initial terms:

District	Name	Term Length, Expiration
District 1	John Kobza	3 years, term expires 9/30/2028
District 2	Jesse Hough	1 year, term expires 9/30/2026
District 3	Steve Barlean	3 years, term expires 9/30/2028
District 6	Kevin Hotovy	1 year, term expires 9/30/2026
District 7	Devin Jakub	2 years, term expires 9/30/2027
At-large	Will Reiter	3 years, term expires 9/30/2028
At-large	Roger Topil	2 years, term expires 9/30/2027

Joe Peterson noted that Summit Township has their own regulations in place and suggested it might be helpful for the Planning Commission to have them once they start working on zoning for the County. He will send them to the County Clerk.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be October 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff
County Clerk

Scott Steager
Chairman