

## BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 2, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska, was held on the 2nd day of February 2026 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.

Chairman Scott Steager 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.

Senior Services Director Diana McDonald introduced Brittany Dailey, her new assistant, to the Board. Dailey is replacing Diane Kozisek, who is retiring.

### **Reappointment of Advisory Board members**

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer, to reappoint Greg Janak, Jeanie Zegers, and Virgene Otte to the Senior Services Advisory Board. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

### **Approval of Title VI Plan and Butler County Transit Passenger Handbook**

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal, to approve the Title VI Plan as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

Chairman Steager asked McDonald when the last time the Butler County Transit Passenger Handbook had been updated and whether it had been reviewed by County Attorney Julie Reiter. McDonald was unsure of the date of the last update and said she had not sent it to County Attorney Reiter for review. Approval of the handbook was tabled until the next meeting to allow time for County Attorney Reiter to review.

Chairman Steager asked McDonald why the big van was being parked outside. McDonald explained that the three handi-vans and regular minivan were all parked in the garage so there was no room for the big van.

The Employee Accrued Time Report as of 12/31/2025 was reviewed, accepted, and placed on file.

### **Update on Roads**

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham provided the Board with copies of the Proposed Gravel Pit Impact Analysis. The report assessed the impact of 50-year and 100-year floods to identify any flood risk impacts to nearby properties from the proposed gravel pit. The report concluded that project impacts are limited for both the 50-year and 100-year floods; however, Isham received the report late last Friday and has not yet had time to review it in its entirety. He noted that he is still waiting on Nebraska Game & Parks. His primary contact, Amelia Baker, took another position within the Game &

Parks office and her replacement is running about a week behind, so he expects to receive the remainder of the JEO final report by the end of the week.

Isham noted that they will be adding minimal gravel in a few places, totaling about four miles. They have replaced 6-7 cylinders on various equipment, as well as a number of hoses. The gravel truck sitting outside has an aluminum box. They can replace the aluminum box with a steel box for roughly \$2200, making it more usable. Isham is currently soliciting informal bids for replacement of the aluminum box.

Isham reported that Tim Vrana will be shredding trees on County ROWs only. He asked the Board if there are any other areas that are known to be particularly bad. Chairman Steager asked Isham to add 39 Road near Jerome Andel's place, approaching from the south.

#### **HR Update**

No update from HR Director Heidi Loges. Chairman Steager reported that the HR Committee conducted one interview for the HR Director position last week, and they will be conducting four more interviews this week. A total of 16 applications were received.

#### **Approval of Class C Liquor License for Regs 7 Mile LLC**

County Clerk Lori Aschoff stated that she was notified by the State Liquor Commission that they were made aware that the hours originally listed on the liquor license application were incorrect, but that a new application was not necessary, nor was it necessary to hold another public hearing. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess, to approve the Class C Liquor License for Regs 7 Mile LLC with the corrected operating hours of 7:00 am to 1:00am. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sypal.

Motion carried.

#### **Consideration/Possible Action regarding addition of Fillmore County to the interlocal agreement**

Alexis Buresh and Miriah Rees appeared before the board because Fillmore County has requested to join the interlocal agreement. Fillmore County will cover their own costs to join Central Square, so there will be no additional costs for the other interlocal members. Matt Childress and Clay Anderson from Applied Connective encouraged the addition of Fillmore County, stating that it would result in a net benefit to all members in terms of increased communication; no benefit to or difference for Applied Connective. The interlocal agreement has expired; a six-month extension addendum was approved by the Board on 1/20/2025. Buresh noted that the group will meet on February 11th to work on a new interlocal agreement. There are a few unknowns for the next five years which they will be working on at the meeting. Seward County currently hosts the system; Saline County is willing to host if necessary. 911 Coordinator Sharon Codr asked the Board if they supported the addition of Fillmore County to the interlocal. No objections were noted and the consensus of the Board was to add Fillmore County. County Attorney Julie Reiter noted that the six-month extension addendum will need to be updated to include Fillmore County. Buresh encouraged Board members to attend the meeting on February 11th.

#### **Review of annual Jail Evaluation Report**

The annual Jail Evaluation Report was reviewed by Board members. It was noted that admission and release documentation is not being reported according to Crime Commission specifications. Chairman Steager noted that the data is supposed to be reported by Central Square. County Attorney Reiter stated that it is a breach of contract and questioned how long the Crime Commission will allow the non-compliance with Central Square not reporting the data as required. Jail Administrator Angie Siebken noted that she talked to the Crime Commission, and they indicated that it is time to take legal action against Central Square. County Attorney Reiter asked Siebken if there are any counties with Central Square who are reporting data to the Crime Commission. Siebken said some counties are reporting data, but the data is not being reported correctly. Butler County is not reporting anything, and there is no way to report outside of Central Square. Siebken said we currently do not have victim reporting and that correctional staff have to call victims to notify them when an offender is being released. She said the County bought Central Square (Zuercher) in 2018 but did

not go live at that time because they were not reporting to the State. The County went live in early 2024. County Attorney Reiter will reach out to Denny Macomber at the Crime Commission and consider next steps. The evaluation report was otherwise positive; no other compliance issues.

### **Committee Reports**

Supervisor Coufal attended the Butler County Development Board meeting last week. He reported that they are hoping to have a study done to determine the feasibility of bringing a farm store to Butler County. Chairman Steager said he spoke with the owner of Crouch's Farm & Hardware in Seward, who indicated he would be open to the idea of opening a store in or around David City.

### **Correspondence**

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be February 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff  
County Clerk

Scott Steager  
Chairman