

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 4, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska, was held on the 4th day of May 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, Brad Vandenberg. Absent: Bob Coufal, 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.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Griess, to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Moved by Griess, seconded by Bauer, to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:02 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

The County Clerk fee report for the month of April 2026 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 April 2026 was accepted and placed on file.

Monthly Sheriff Report

The Monthly Sheriff Report for the month of April 2026 was accepted and placed on file.

Review/Approve early payroll for separated employees

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg, to approve early payroll for separated employees. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Appointment of Senior Center Director

A committee consisting of HR Director Aida Hickman, Supervisors Brad Vandenberg and Bob Coufal, and County Clerk Lori Aschoff reported that they received several applications and interviewed two candidates for the Senior Center Director position. Jillian Boss was selected by the committee due to her extensive, similar experience in the nonprofit sector; an offer was made pending Board approval. Tabled until Boss' arrival later in the meeting.

Discussion/Possible action – Reimbursement of District Court Bailiff's 2025 Salary & Expenses

County Attorney Julie Reiter explained that Butler, Colfax, and Saunders Counties have an interlocal agreement and share the cost of a bailiff for the District Court judge. The amount is prorated based on the number of cases in each county and is paid out of the District Court budget. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess, to approve reimbursement payments of \$20,151.62 to Saunders County for wages and \$1,145.12 to Tracy Svoboda for benefits, for a total of \$21,296.74. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Appointment of Senior Center Director, continued

HR Director Hickman introduced Jillian Boss. Boss shared some of her relevant work experience and looks forward to working with Senior Center staff and volunteers to expand services to residents living outside of David City. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg, to hire Jillian Boss as Senior Center Director. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham provided an update on Roads, noting that they are cleaning culverts and have started scraping at the gravel pit; he will advertise for an employee for the gravel pit soon. The bridge at 37-38 Roads is now open. The radiator on the tar machine sprung a leak and is being repaired. Isham is going to hire someone to get rid of a beaver dam. The roof at the highway building was finished last week; Isham has not yet received the bill. He stated that he got a couple loads of dirt from the County recently; he also gave some dirt to the County a while back. He explained that it has been common practice for department employees for years. Gravel is \$300K over budget for this year; he received a bill from Kroeger, but it includes gravel from 2024. County Attorney Reiter advised Isham to bring it to her to review and determine if it can be paid at this late date. Isham noted that a few Road Department employees are upset about the new gravel pit. He does not want to lose anyone, but employees will need to work where assigned.

Discussion/Possible action – BraveBe Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Contract

County Attorney Reiter explained that per state statute, a juvenile victim of or witness to a violent crime must be interviewed by a trained interviewer at the CAC. Sheriff Tom Dion agreed that BraveBe's services are invaluable. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg, to approve the BraveBe CAC Contract for next year. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Griess, to approve the FY2026-2027 Annual Service Contribution of \$1,980. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – reappoint Jason Lavicky to Butler County Health Board

Jason Lavicky’s current term on the Butler County Health (BCH) Board expires June 30, 2026, and he is willing to serve another term. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg, to reappoint Jason Lavicky to the BCH Board for another 4-year term. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – Authorize 911 Coordinator to sell surplus office chair

Supervisor Bauer contacted Seward, Saunders, and Polk Counties, and they no longer hold surplus auctions. Polk County holds an in-house sale, first for County employees, then open to the public. County Attorney Reiter read aloud part of the County Purchasing Act (§§ 23-3101 to 23-3115), which governs surplus property sales. She suggested that the County hold a garage sale and donate any items that do not sell. She noted that any electronics will need to have the hard drive erased/wiped by Applied Connective. She is also working on a policy regarding surplus property. Moved by Griess, seconded by Krafka, to authorize the 911 Coordinator to sell the surplus office chair in compliance with state statute. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Ryan Poots – Presentation on EagleView Software

Ryan Poots, EagleView Technologies, appeared before the Board to give a presentation on EagleView aerial imagery for assessors and other offices. EagleView provides high-resolution, updated imagery for property tax assessment, land use planning, roads, and public safety. They serve many Nebraska counties, including all of the counties surrounding Butler County. They do not use drones; they use Cessna and Piper airplanes. They have their own software, but they also integrate into other software including MIPS and GeoComm. Chairman Steager asked County Assessor Vickie Donoghue to research which County offices would potentially use the technology and report back to the Board at a later meeting.

Discussion/Possible action – Authorize Jail Administrator to solicit bids to replace control/intercom system for Jail Doors

Jail Administrator Angie Siebken appeared before the Board to discuss replacement of the control/intercom system for the jail doors. The system was installed in 2004 and is in dire need of replacement. There is \$175,000 in the sinking fund specifically for this project. Siebken has no idea how much the project will cost. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Griess, to authorize the Jail Administrator to solicit formal, sealed bids for the project, to be opened on June 1, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Chairman Steager exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Review/Approve Resolution 2016-17 – Tax Sale Certificate #686 Foreclosure

Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Bauer, to approve Resolution 2016-17 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Bauer, Vandenberg, Griess, Krafka.

Nay: None.

Absent: Steager, Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Review/Approve Resolution 2016-18 – Tax Sale Certificate #693 Foreclosure

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Vandenberg, to approve Resolution 2016-18 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Aye: Vandenberg, Bauer, Griess, Krafka.

Nay: None.

Absent: Steager, Coufal, Sypal.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

- NDWEE – LongView Poultry LLC Transfer Letter
- NDOT – Non-MPO Letter FY2027-2030
- Library Newsletter

Quarterly Jail Inspection

The County Board conducted the quarterly jail inspection from 10:37 a.m. until 10:47 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 18, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff
County Clerk

Tony Krafka
Vice Chairman