

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska, was held on the 3rd day of August 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, Jan Sypal, Bob Coufal.

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 available for review in the meeting room. The Chairman declared the minutes from the previous meeting shall stand approved as presented.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Coufal, to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:00 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Griess, to exit Board of Equalization at 9:03 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Reappointment of Kory Kuhlman to the Butler County Visitors Committee

Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Bauer, to reappoint Kory Kuhlman to the Butler County Visitors Committee. All aye. Motion carried.

Reappointment of Jaclyn Ross to the Butler County Visitors Committee

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal, to reappoint Jaclyn Ross to the Butler County Visitors Committee. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – approve Aging Partners subaward

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Vandenberg, to approve the Aging Partners subaward. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – Organizational restructuring of Senior Center and Rural Transit

Vandenberg explained that Senior Center Director Jillian Boss is familiar with Rural Transit, including NDOT and MTM requirements; she and Mike Muck are getting things caught up with Rural Transit. Boss is comfortable overseeing both departments with an Assistant Director. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Bauer, to go back to having one director and an assistant director oversee operations of the Senior Center and Rural Transit. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action – Annual payment request for service to Butler County Visitors Committee

Alyssa Sanders appeared before the Board on behalf of the Chamber. She stated that the Chamber is not willing to have Chamber Director Brittany Schmit oversee the Visitors Committee unless the County pays the Chamber for this duty. Chairman Steager stated that County Clerk Lori Aschoff has agreed to take on this responsibility instead. No action taken.

Review/Approve Resolution 2026-32: Allocation of Levy Authority to Townships, Fire Districts and Ag Society

Moved by Krafka, seconded by Bauer, to approve Resolution 2026-32 as presented. All aye. Motion carried. A copy of Resolution 2026-32 is on file at the County Clerk's office.

Floodplain Update

Floodplain Administrator Breann Whitmore appeared before the Board to provide a Floodplain update. She has been working with Butler County Solar since November 2025. She issued one permit for the dirt work and requested a hydraulic analysis before she will issue a structural permit. Whitmore stated that a total of 10-12 permits will likely be issued for the project. She has received a few calls/inquiries about building in the floodplain. She also inquired about how to get on the Planning Commission meeting agenda. Chairman Steager advised her to reach out to County Clerk Aschoff or Planning Commission Chair Roger Topil.

2026-2027 County Budget update/discussion

Chairman Steager provided a brief update regarding the budget. The budget committee met last week and will meet again after the Board meeting.

Discussion/Possible action – Dust control along a 1/2-mile strip of road

Brett Leuders, resident of Bow String Lake, appeared before the Board to request dust control be applied along a half-mile strip of G Road between 42 Road and 43 Road, outside the entrance to the lake. He explained that it is a high traffic area with non-stop dust. He also noted that Alexis Township agreed to pay for dust control on 43 Road. Chairman Steager stated that the County's dust control application was already complete for this year. Vandenberg expressed concern about safety for school buses and with the railroad tracks. Discussion was held; no action taken. Chairman Steager noted that they will consider it when preparing the FY2026-2027 budget.

Discussion/Possible action – Tarp building for salt bin at County yards

Board members reviewed the bids received for a tarp building for salt storage. The tarp building will hold two loads of salt/gravel. Accu-Steel will install the building and provide a 20-year warranty. Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal, to accept the Accu-Steel bid in the amount of \$53,100, noting that County employees can pick it up from Audubon, IA, which will save the County the \$2000 delivery charge. All aye. Motion carried.

Consideration/Approval of Farmers Market Agreement from Todd Helgoth to sell produce at the County yards parking lot

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal, to approve the Farmers Market Agreement with Todd Helgoth to sell produce at the County yards parking lot. All aye. Motion carried.

Roads Update

The guard rails near Oak Creek Gun Club are done. Interim Highway Superintendent Greg Brecka will run out to Q Road later today to check on the grading work. Good progress is being made at the new gravel pit.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Steager adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be August 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff, County Clerk
Scott Steager, Chairman