

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 1, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska, was held on the 1st day of June 2026 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Tony Krafka.

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

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

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

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

Nay: NONE.

Absent: Krafka.

Motion carried.

Moved by Griess, seconded by Bauer, to exit Board of Equalization at 9:21 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Krafka.

Motion carried.

Update regarding Pictometry/EagleView Software

County Assessor Vickie Donoghue appeared before the Board to provide an update regarding the Pictometry/EagleView Software. As requested, she reached out to the other county offices to determine the level of need for this software. She shared emails received from Emergency Manager Mark Doehling, Weed Superintendent Max Birkel, County Surveyor Brian Foral, 911 Coordinator Sharon Codr, Highway Superintendent Randy Isham, Associate Extension Educator Katie Larson, and County Sheriff Tom Dion attesting to the usefulness of and need for Pictometry. She also shared Polk County's G-Works website and compared 2024 images to 2025 Pictometry images. Cost estimate is \$46,500/year for three years. Chairman Steager asked County Assessor Donoghue to invite EagleView District Manager Ryan Poots to a future board meeting to present the proposed service agreement/contract and answer any questions.

Open/Accept sealed bids for the replacement of the control/intercom system for the jail doors

Jail Administrator Angie Siebken explained that she solicited sealed bids from five companies and advertised in the newspaper for two weeks. One bid was received from Sydaptic for \$164,680. They are out of Texas and flew here to inspect the jail and provide a bid. The existing system is 22 years old; the intercoms for dispatch do not work and the door to one jail cell shows open all the time, even when closed. Siebken noted that the jail has

\$170,000 in the sinking fund earmarked for this project. Chairman Steager asked Siebken to review the bid/contract with County Attorney Julie Reiter. Tabled until the next meeting.

Update on Roads

Highway Superintendent Randy Isham provided a Roads Update. He noted roads are soft due to recent rains, but they are working on them. They are also graveling and working on the new gravel pit. He explained that the new motor grader has a ripper that they do not use. He is going to trade it in toward the purchase of front/rear fenders. Isham provided an update on the mold removal and gutting of the interior of the NW building at the Highway Department. The demolition is nearly complete. There is asbestos in the floor tiles and glue; the same company doing the mold removal and building demo will remove it at a cost of \$6500. Isham also reported that he received a bid in the amount of \$11,937 for the replacement of a guardrail that was destroyed at J Road and 29 Road. He stated that the funding requested through Mike Flood's office is still moving through the system. Jim Novacek notified the Board that he will no longer be doing the State bridge inspections. He is currently soliciting bids from engineering firms for next fiscal year.

Discussion/Possible action – authorize Senior Center Director to solicit bids to replace kitchen floor, work surfaces, and stainless-steel equipment

Interim Senior Center Director Brittney Dailey appeared before the Board to report that they had a surprise health inspection last Friday. Two violations were noted and immediately corrected. Priority issues noted were floor tiles, cabinetry, and work surfaces in need of replacement. Dailey reported that Aging Partners does not have funds to cover the associated costs; she suggested the Inheritance fund could be used to cover the cost. The project would require a shutdown of the kitchen during the remodel. Brookstone of David City is willing to help with meals for shut-ins. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Sypal, to solicit sealed bids to replace flooring, work surfaces, and stainless-steel equipment, in accordance with the requirements outlined in the health inspection report. Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Krafka.

Motion carried.

HR Update

HR Director Aida Hickman noted that open enrollment is coming up for health/dental/vision insurance. She has been researching options and rate shopping. She plans to present the information gathered at the next Board meeting.

Review/Approve Resolution 2026-19 – Appoint Public Defender Policy Board

Moved by Bauer, seconded by Coufal, to approve Resolution 2026-19 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Krafka.

Motion carried.

Review/Approve Resolution 2026-21 – Reallocation of Budget Authority for FY2025-2026

Moved by Sypal, seconded by Griess, to approve Resolution 2026-21 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Krafka.

Motion carried.

Review/Approve Resolution 2026-20 – Ag Extension Transfer to Sinking Fund

Moved by Coufal, seconded by Bauer, to approve Resolution 2026-20 as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Krafka.

Motion carried.

Copies of Resolutions 2026-19, 2026-21, and 2026-20 are on file at the County Clerk's office.

Correspondence

- BCD Meeting Minutes – April 2026
- Region 5 Behavioral Health Advisory Board
- NDWE Letter – Kobza Lake Cabin
- Czech Heritage Week June 21-28
- Library Newsletter – June 2026
- Bellwood River Road Paving Project Update
- Non-MPO Cooperation Review 2026
- Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission – Findings & Order

Public Comment

None.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be June 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Lori L. Aschoff
County Clerk

Scott Steager
Chairman