BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
October 19, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska, was held on October 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler County Highway Department building in David City, Nebraska. Present were Scott Steager, Tony Krafka, Scott Griess, Brad Vandenberg, and Bob Coufal. Absent were Scot Bauer and Jan Sypal.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication, a designated method for giving notice, and the agenda was available for public inspection at the office of the County Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Steager called the meeting to order and announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act. Minutes of the previous meeting stood approved as presented.

Public Comment
The Board provided an opportunity for public comment at 9:00 a.m. No substantive public comment was recorded.

Senior Center/Rural Transit Monthly Reports
The Board reviewed monthly reports for the Senior Center and Rural Transit. County Clerk Aschoff indicated that the Rural Transit report included a billed amount of $1,139.50 and invited Board members to suggest any additional information they would like to be included in future reports.

HR Update
Interim HR Director Heidi Loges updated the Board on advertised vacancies, including the Road Department foreman, HR Director, gravel pit operator, part-time dispatcher, and Senior Center custodial and maintenance positions. The Senior Center custodial/maintenance position is being divided into two positions. Applications have been received for several openings. The Board discussed arranging interviews for the HR Director position promptly while selecting a qualified candidate with relevant experience. Loges stated that she expects to remain through the end of the year and would prefer sufficient overlap to train her replacement, ideally with a hire by mid- to late November. She noted that certain duties, including payroll and FMLA administration, could be handled remotely by her if needed.

Lease of County-Owned Real Estate in Linwood Township
The Board revisited the outstanding lease agreement for County-owned farmland. Attempts to contact the prospective lessee by telephone and text message had been unsuccessful. Members discussed determining whether the property was being farmed and, if so, requiring execution of the lease and payment. A site inspection was suggested, followed by certified mail correspondence if necessary. No action was taken.

Countywide Cost Allocation Plan (Maximus)
Moved by Coufal, seconded by Vandenberg, to authorize the Chairman to sign the certification statement for the Countywide Cost Allocation Plan prepared by Maximus. All aye. Motion carried.

Butler County Health Hospital License Renewal
Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Butler County Health hospital license renewal application. All aye. Motion carried.

Claims
The claims list was made available for review. Moved by Krafka, seconded by Coufal, to approve the claims as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Committee Reports and Correspondence
The Board was advised that the Planning Commission public hearing on the comprehensive plan is scheduled for November 5, 2026, and that the updated draft would be posted to the County website upon receipt from the planning consultants. Correspondence included Aging Partners meeting information and financial reports.

CentralSquare (Zuercher) CAD Interlocal Agreement
911 Director Sharon Codr presented the CentralSquare/Zuercher CAD interlocal agreement for consideration. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess, to approve the interlocal agreement. Upon roll call vote, Coufal voted nay and Steager, Krafka, Griess, and Vandenberg voted aye. Motion carried.

Purchase of Two Sheriff Patrol Vehicles
Sheriff Tom Dion requested to replace a 2020 Ford Explorer and a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe with two Dodge Durangos. Dion explained that the Durango costs slightly more than the Explorer ($43,850 compared to $42,788) but is more durable. Chairman Steager requested information on extended warranties, including five-year coverage for 100,000 or 120,000 miles, and discussed the possibility of purchasing pickups that could later be transferred to the Road Department. Vandenberg emphasized that deputies working overnight should have reliable, newer vehicles. Dion estimated approximately $20,000 to equip the vehicles for patrol use. Chairman Steager requested that Dion obtain pricing and availability for extended warranties. Moved by Krafka, seconded

by Coufal, to approve the purchase of two Dodge Durangos for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of $43,850 each. All aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Board-Appointed Employee Performance Evaluations
Moved by Coufal, seconded by Vandenberg, to enter executive session for the purpose of conducting Board-appointed employee performance evaluations. All aye. Motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 9:36 a.m. Individuals scheduled for evaluations included Max Birkel, Noxious Weed Superintendent; Kenny Pelan, Building/Maintenance Supervisor; Breann Hotovy, Floodplain Administrator; and Sharon Codr, 911 Director. Interim HR Director Loges also participated in the evaluation process. Moved by Griess, seconded by Coufal, to exit executive session. All aye. Motion carried. The Board returned to open session at 10:17 a.m. No action following the executive session was recorded.

Cellular Signal Booster – Highway Department Building
The Board discussed the need to improve cellular reception in the Highway Department building to allow County personnel to conduct business reliably. Chairman Steager discussed whether to allocate the expense among several departments or pay it from Data Processing. County Clerk Aschoff stated that the expense had been considered during budget preparation. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Coufal, to approve the approximately $4,000 option, with the expense paid from Data Processing. All aye. Motion carried.

Village of Dwight Utility Permit
Highway Superintendent Greg Brecka presented a utility permit application for a 6" water main along the north side of 23½ Road, extending approximately 300 feet east from ST Road and crossing 23½ Road to the south. The Board discussed boring versus trenching; the Village of Dwight had approved trenching, and the contractor would be responsible for the work for one year. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Griess, to approve the utility permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Windstream/Kinetic Utility Permit
Brecka presented a utility permit application to install approximately 300 feet of underground fiber-optic service under ST Road near Dwight. The fiber will be bored beneath the road and had received township approval. Moved by Vandenberg, seconded by Griess, to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Butler Public Power Utility Permit
Brecka presented utility permit application to trench an electrical cable across the road at 2630 J Road to replace an overhead line in poor condition. The proposed trench is approximately 6" wide. Brecka explained the difficulty of securing a boring contractor on short notice. Moved by Griess, seconded by Coufal, to approve the permit. All aye. Motion carried.

Interlocal Agreement – Linwood Township
The Board considered an interlocal agreement between the Highway Department and Linwood Township. Moved by Coufal, seconded by Krafka, to approve the interlocal agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

Roads Update
Brecka reported that salt is scheduled for delivery October 26, and the salt-storage shed is expected to be delivered November 2, with assembly anticipated one or two days afterward. He reported on a bridge on E Road between 41 and 42 Roads northeast of Bruno. Previously purchased beams stored at Midwest may save approximately $40,000 on the project. Chairman Steager noted that engineering and bridge costs had been budgeted and asked County Clerk Aschoff to place approval of engineering for two bridges on the November 2 meeting agenda.

Brecka reported delivery of the belly dump trailer, with electrical systems being checked. The Board discussed gravel-road approaches affected by State highway work and the State's responsibility to restore approaches. Chairman Steager stated he had discussed county concerns with State Senator Jared Storm and referred to a conversation with Governor Pillen about ways to ease burdens on counties. Krafka reported a possible stockpile of crushed asphalt held by Hank Klosterman; Brecka will investigate. Chairman Steager also suggested contacting Chris Kroesing.

Brecka reported receiving repair estimates for oil leaks on the gravel-pit barge motor and discussed the need for portable restroom facilities at the gravel pit, noting he had received pricing from a Stromsburg provider. He will be attending the NIRMA conference in Kearney Thursday and Friday. Brecka also reported scheduling an interview with a gravel-pit/barge applicant for the following afternoon.

ROW Policy
Chairman Steager reported discussions with townships regarding implementation of the County's ROW policy. He stated that township representatives wanted a uniform letter sent by the County to affected landowners, with a firm deadline of approximately one year to achieve compliance. Township motor-grader operators could identify problem locations and monitor progress, with priority given to vegetation creating sight-distance hazards. The

Board discussed the volume and cost of mailings. County Clerk Aschoff stated that the letters could be processed through the courthouse mailing system rather than charging postage to the Road Department.

Other Road Matter
Supervisor Krafka reported receiving a call concerning damage to the gate on the minimum maintenance road north of E and 38 Roads.

Chairman Steager asked County Clerk Aschoff to place consideration/approval of cost-of-living adjustments for Board-appointed employees on the November 3 meeting agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Steager adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be November 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Department building.

Lori L. Aschoff, County Clerk
Scott Steager, Chairman

October Claims

ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE	$2,605.40
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$432.54
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$17,257.55
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	$9,626.76
BANK OF THE VALLEY	$1,000.00
BENCHMARK GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	$257.95
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$475.99
BLUE VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	$5,750.00
BLUE VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.	$6,800.00
BUTLER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORP	$10,000.00
BUTLER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT	$199.00
BUTLER COUNTY HEALTH	$7,011.45
BUTLER COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS	$84.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	$260.93
CARPENTER PAPER COMPANY	$707.97
CHS, INC.	$2,139.51
CITY OF DAVID CITY	$5,000.00
CLEARFLY	$1,288.91
COLFAX COUNTY SHERIFF	$21.80
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	$464.85
CULLIGAN OF COLUMBUS	$682.31
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	$1,021.00
DAVID CITY ACE HARDWARE	$196.81
DAVID CITY UTILITIES	$6,778.77
DC RX INC.	$138.99
E.F.T.P.S.	$434.72
E.F.T.P.S.	$19,222.52
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	$1,469.38
EGAN SUPPLY CO.	$75.00
EGR, BIRKEL & WOLLMER, PC	$4,232.36
ELDEEN M. KABOUREK	$11.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.	$6,352.41
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS, INC.	$580.00
FIRST NAT'L BANK: DAVID CITY BRANCH	$949.43
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	$2,809.59
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	$188.83
FIRST WIRELESS INC.	$621.30
FLS LLC	$275.00
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE COMPANY	$1,604.90
HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY	$139.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	$1,246.33
INDOFF, INC.	$654.64
J. BRIAN WESSLING, D.D.S., P.C.	$262.00

JACKSON SERVICES, INC.	$378.69
JANE M. DOBESH	$16.00
JANESSA RAWHOUSER	$106.40
JOYCE THORSON	$10.00
KC LIFE	$5.13
KC LIFE	$11.79
KC LIFE	$31.63
KC LIFE	$235.57
KC LIFE	$330.40
KC LIFE	$1,319.67
KOBZA MOTORS, INC.	$528.63
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	$46.97
LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	$930.60
LUCILLE FUXA-CUBA	$10.00
M.L. SMITH LAW OFFICE LLC	$6,340.60
MARCELLA M. HOWE	$16.00
MAXIMUS, INC.	$2,100.00
MEDICA INSURANCE	$3,097.28
MEDICA INSURANCE	$76,585.97
MICHAEL DEMUTH	$1.27
MIPS, INC.	$4,028.16
NACO	$245.00
Nat'l Ass'n Extension 4-H Youth Dev. Pro	$665.00
NE AG-NEWS	$129.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM	$186.00
NE PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL LAB.	$105.00
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	$500.00
NEBRASKA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION	$235.00
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	$220.00
NORTHSIDE, INC.	$840.80
NPZA	$60.00
OELTJEN LAW, L.L.C.	$362.50
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING, INC.	$84.00
PHYSICIANS LABORATORY SERVICES	$600.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCOUNT	$10,000.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, INC.	$292.92
POINT C COE	$1,623.79
RADIO TIME BILLING	$223.00
SHIRTS ARE US, LLC	$28.00
SHOP 4-H NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL	$129.30
SIPPLE, HANSEN, EMERSON & SCHUMACHR	$677.50
SIPPLE, HANSEN, EMERSON, SCHMACHER, KLU	$2,371.25
SPECTRUM ENTERPRISE/CHARTER COMM.	$390.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	$15,852.77
T-MOBILE	$172.60
THE WALDINGER CORP	$627.50
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	$2,679.94
TIMOTHY SOPINSKI	$6,250.00
TOTAL FIRE & SECURITY INC.	$944.34
UNITI / WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	$523.92
UNITI / WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	$117.38
VERIZON WIRELESS	$70.05
WAL-MART VISION CENTER	$270.00
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA	$395.72
WESTERN OIL II, LLC	$88.57
WYTHERS LAW	$12,451.00
YORK SURGICAL ASSOCIATES	$200.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$1,028.39
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$6,628.96
ARPS GRAVEL & CONCRETE, INC.	$988.75

BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, INC.	$466.00
BIRKELS ROCK AND GRAVEL, LLC	$12,760.86
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$54.42
BOMGAARS	$372.92
BUTLER COUNTY CLINIC, P.C.	$40.00
BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL, INC.	$44.86
BUTLER COUNTY WELDING, INC.	$315.00
BUTLER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	$1,541.45
CARPENTER PAPER COMPANY	$366.94
CRANE SALES AND SERVICE	$1,212.25
DAVID CITY ACE HARDWARE	$121.94
DC DOOR COMPANY	$245.00
E.F.T.P.S.	$1,123.78
E.F.T.P.S.	$6,752.10
FAS-BREAK WINDSHIELD REPAIR	$225.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	$157.32
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE COMPANY	$594.55
HOTSY EQUIPMENT COMPANY	$657.41
HUSKER STEEL	$1,835.00
IDEAL PURE WATER OF LINCOLN	$91.50
INDOFF, INC.	$15.99
JACKSON SERVICES, INC.	$1,548.54
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	$52.03
JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL CO. INC.	$54,562.80
KC LIFE	$3.35
KC LIFE	$9.94
KC LIFE	$24.23
KC LIFE	$96.26
KC LIFE	$173.85
KC LIFE	$650.16
KIMBALL MIDWEST	$836.81
KOBZA MOTORS, INC.	$1,279.01
KROEGER SAND & GRAVEL	$39,908.00
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	$20,235.10
MENARDS	$499.91
MID-STATE ENGINEERING & TESTING	$3,092.00
MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES COMPANY	$2,130.50
MOMAR, INC.	-$115.55
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MOTOR FUELS DIVISION	$1,949.00
NACO	$165.00
NEBUDA SHARPENING SERVICE	$12.08
NIPPON SANSO MATHESON, INC.	$50.40
NMC, LLC	$6,383.04
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC.	$163.45
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	$220.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL, INC.	$413.32
POWER PLAN	$10,370.78
REARDON LAWN & GARDEN, INC.	$245.69
REHMER AUTO PARTS, INC.	$813.12
RERUCHA AG & AUTO SUPPLY	$358.10
SCHMID AND SONS ENTERPRISES, INC.	$488.00
STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING, INC.	$15,900.00
THOMAS E. KOPECKY	$34.62
TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	$4,944.43
UNITI / WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	$176.51
VILLAGE OF BRAINARD	$54.12
VILLAGE OF ULYSSES	$52.73
WAL-MART VISION CENTER	$270.00
WESTERN OIL II, LLC	$1,785.87

FRIENDS OF DAVID CITY	$374.13
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	$478.37
MIPS, INC.	$341.24
AGING PARTNERS CITY OF LINCOLN	$51.05
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$612.06
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$51.26
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BUTLER COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES	$75.80
DAVID CITY ACE HARDWARE	$20.99
DAVID CITY UTILITIES	$282.73
E.F.T.P.S.	$769.19
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	$18.95
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE COMPANY	$676.51
HOMETOWN LEASING	$43.41
KOBZA MOTORS, INC.	$5.38
NORTHSIDE, INC.	$44.00
T-MOBILE	$232.53
TRIPLE S SERVICE LLC	$28.00
WOOLSEY ELECTRIC, LLC	$1,279.89
AGING PARTNERS CITY OF LINCOLN	$51.05
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$657.74
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$99.93
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$103.37
BURESH MEATS	$249.86
BUTLER COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES	$115.14
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	$2,954.50
CULLIGAN OF COLUMBUS	$89.95
DAVID CITY ACE HARDWARE	$60.98
DAVID CITY UTILITIES	$659.72
DIDIER'S GROCERY	$112.49
E.F.T.P.S.	$701.93
GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	$655.15
HOMETOWN LEASING	$43.41
JACKSON SERVICES, INC.	$204.67
KC LIFE	$13.04
KC LIFE	$16.87
KC LIFE	$129.67
KENNY JAMES	$200.00
M & O DOOR PRODUCTS	$165.00
SUPERSAVER	$140.08
DAVID CITY ACE HARDWARE	$56.98
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$2,061.86
BANK OF THE VALLEY	$750.00
BUTLER PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	$145.61
E.F.T.P.S.	$2,256.13
KC LIFE	$31.53
KC LIFE	$56.38
KC LIFE	$179.62
MIDDLE CREEK PRINTING	$124.25
DAS STATE ACCOUNTING-CENTRAL FINANC	$60.00
GEO-COMM, INC.	$11,263.44
UNITI / WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS	$694.37
A.F.L.A.C.	$1,327.86
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$973.95
AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP	$18,400.08
BANK OF THE VALLEY	$250.00
BANK OF THE VALLEY	$4,802.50
CAVALRY SPV I LLC	$601.21
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	$225.02
CREDIT MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	$557.24

E.F.T.P.S.	$3,554.29
E.F.T.P.S.	$56,364.16
FARM BUREAU	$19.78
KC LIFE	$45.36
KC LIFE	$16.74
KC LIFE	$22.67
KC LIFE	$665.31
KC LIFE	$580.11
KC LIFE	$890.17
LEGAL SHIELD/ID SHIELD	$390.05
LIBERTY NAT'L LIFE INSURANCE CO.	$204.93
MEDICA INSURANCE	$981.44
MEDICA INSURANCE	$13,452.35
NEBRASKA FURNITURE MART	$865.42
NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	$21.09
STATE OF NE/DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	$824.49
STATE OF NE/DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	$12,072.01
CLAIMS TOTAL	$634,317.37