



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 5, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 5th day of August, 2019 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: David W. Mach, Tony Krafska, Scot Bauer, Anthony Whitmore, Max Birkel, Greg Janak and Scott Steager.

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.

Road Department

- Update on Roads

Highway Superintendent Jim McDonald gave report on the ongoing projects around the county.

- Discussion/Possible Action on Olive & Bone Creek Township Interlocal Agreements

Moved by Bauer and seconded by Steager to approve the Olive Township Interlocal Agreement. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Krafska, Steager, Janak, Birkel, Whitmore and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Moved by Krafska and seconded by Janak to approve the Bone Creek Township Interlocal Agreement. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafska, Steager, Janak, Birkel, Whitmore, Bauer and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

- Chuck Hassebrook – 4 Utility Permit requests/Butler County Solar/Alexis Township

Chuck Hassebrook presented before the board his request for 4 utility permits in Alexis Township for solar energy, representing Butler County Solar. The board requested the Highway Superintendent review the utility permits for approval at the August 19th board meeting.

County Clerk monthly fee report

The County Clerk fee report for the month of July, 2019 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 July 2019 was accepted and placed on file.

Discussion on Flu Vaccinations for Employees

The board discussed whether or not to pay for the Flu Vaccinations for employees again this year. Laska presented information regarding what was paid last year to Four Corners and to the Butler County Hospital. Supervisor Steager said he would contact the hospital for a price and dates. The board will decide at the next meeting.



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Discussion/Possible Action – Contracting with Spy Glass to Audit Communication Bill

Presented before the board was a contract for Spy Glass to Audit the telephone and internet bills to determine if there were any cost savings available to the county. The county contracted with them previously in 2014. Supervisor Birkel suggested to Laska to present it to Applied Connective, out sourced IT for the County and see what their recommendation would be and present at the next meeting.

Let the minutes reflect that at 9:30 a.m. the Board of Supervisors meeting was moved from the Board of Supervisors meeting room to the District Court room to accommodate the large number of constituents joining the meeting.

Scott Buresh & Company – Discussion of County Roads

Mr. Buresh and company presented to the Board their questions regarding the current condition of the county roads and would they be fixed before school starts and before harvest. Buresh stated that he has been in contact with David City Aquinas and David City Public regarding bus routes. Buresh asked the board what has been done since the last board meeting when he came along with Mr. Vodicka. The board requested that the Highway superintendent update the audience. Mr. Buresh introduced Jim Truksa to the board and Mr. Truksa addressed the board with questions. He presented 3 handouts to the board. The first was a summary of questions he had asked the board and the highway superintendent at the previous meeting. The second and third hand outs were new questions regarding the roads, the budget and the expenditures that were spent this previous fiscal year. The board told the audience they would be re-establishing the road and bridge committee and working very closely with the highway superintendent to address situation at hand.

Laura Kobza – Discussion of County Roads

Bob and Laura Kobza addressed the board regarding Road M. Mr. Kobza addressed the board and commended the county for the job they completed on M Road in the last month. Kobza stated that the process of getting to his cattle operation has been a learning process. He noted he feels that there needs to be more communication between livestock feeders and the county. He suggested that each livestock operation have a designated route for the traffic that goes to and from the operation. He also asked who is ultimately responsible for the county roads. Chairman Mach stated that the Township is responsible for their roads, however it does fall back onto the county ultimately.

At 11:18 a.m., Chairman Mach announced that the board would take a short recess.

At 11:23 a.m., Chairman Mach announced that the board would reconvene.

Moved by Steager and seconded by Bauer to enter Board of Equalization. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Steager, Krafka, Bauer, Whitmore, Birkel, Janak and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

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Marianne Ziethan – Discussion/Possible Action of Union Township Road Contract

Mrs. Ziethan is before the board again requesting a new interlocal agreement. The Highway Superintendent reported that he had met with the board and is still working to answer a few of their questions. It was suggested that Union Township look at the 80/20 interlocal agreement that the County offers and see if that is something they would agree upon. They would need to purchase the 51% of the motorgrader back from the county, however, the county mentioned they would be willing to take payments on that.

Louise Niemann, Extension Office – Approval of Lodging Expense for Front Door Forum in Grand Island

Louise Niemann requested approval from the board to allow her to stay overnight in Grand Island when she goes to her conference in October. Moved by Janak and seconded by Krafka to approve the overnight lodging. Upon roll call vote

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

2019 FRACTURE CRITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTION



following voted nay: NONE.

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Resolution No. 32

Whereas: the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is developing a transportation project, on the behalf of the county, for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;

Whereas: Butler County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid projects;

Whereas: Butler County and the NDOT wish to enter into a Program Agreement to provide for fracture critical bridge inspection and load re-rating (if necessary) services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County that:

Chair of the Butler County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Butler County and the NDOT.

Butler County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

assistance from the board to requested that Linwood Rural y are interested in helping.

Bridge Inspections 019 Fracture Critical Bridge

s within Butler County and if L9-32 Signing of the Project g voted aye: Janak, Steager,

l No. 01003 Fracture Critical r, Krafka, Bauer, Whitmore,

NDOT Project Number: STP-NBIS(118)

NDOT Control Number: 01003

NDOT Project Name: 2019 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection

Adopted this 5th day of August, 2019 at Butler County Nebraska. (Month) (Year)

The Board of Supervisors of Butler County

Signatures of Board members: David M. Mack, Max Burk, [unclear], [unclear], Greg Janak, David O. Bauer, Tony Krafka.

Board/Council Member Gregory Janak Moved the adoption of said resolution Member Tony Krafka Seconded the Motion Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest:

Signature of County Clerk



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Discussion on Resolution presented by Terry L. Jessen

Correspondence was sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding a resolution that would put a property tax relief measure on the November 2020 ballot. Laska instructed that at this time NACO is looking into this resolution, once more information is available she will present to the board again.

Discussion/Approval of 1 payroll claim for separated employee

Moved by Whitmore and seconded by Steager to approve the payroll claim for the separated employee. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Whitmore, Birkel, Janak, Steager, Krafka, Bauer and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Motion carried.

Approval of Landfill Road Maintenance Agreement

Moved by Krafka and seconded by Steager to approve the Landfill Road Maintenance Agreement. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Steager, Birkel, Whitmore and Bauer. The following voted nay: Janak and Mach. Motion carried.

Discussion

- Roads

Following this morning's discussion of the roads the Board discussed re-establishing the Road & Bridge Committee.



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Moved by Janak and seconded by Birkel to nominate Scot Bauer to the Road & Bridge Committee. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Janak, Birkel, Whitmore, Krafka, Steager and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Abstained: Bauer. Motion carried.

Moved by Krafka and seconded by Steager to nominate David Mach to the Road & Bridge Committee. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Steager, Janak, Birkel, Whitmore & Bauer. The following voted nay: NONE. Abstained: Mach. Motion carried.

Moved by Birkel and seconded by Bauer to nominate Tony Krafka to the Road & Bridge Committee. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Birkel, Whitmore, Bauer, Steager, Janak and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Abstained: Krafka. Motion carried.

- ***Building & Grounds***

The board discussed that the building and grounds committee would again tour the new Highway Dept building and assess the improvements needed for the building before any further work is done.

Correspondence

A letter from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice addressed to the Sheriff and sent to the Supervisors acknowledged that the Jail Standards Board approved the County's request to increase the number of bunks in Unit D from two to four and in Unit E from two to four.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be August 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

David W. Mach
Chairman