



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 16, 2020

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 16th day of March, 2020 at the Butler County Courthouse in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

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

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.

Certification of Public Tax Sales

Karey Adamy, County Treasurer presented the Certification of Public Tax Sale held in Butler County on March 2, 2020. The certification was accepted and placed on file.

Moved by Steager and seconded by Whitmore to move into the Board of Equalization at 9:05 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Steager, Birkel, Whitmore, Bauer, Krafka and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Janak. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

County Clerk Monthly Fee Report

The County Clerk fee report for the month of February 2020 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 February 2020 was accepted and placed on file.

Discussion/Possible Action - Road Dam between County Roads 38 & 39 on County Road G (Executive Session)

Moved by Whitmore and seconded by Bauer to move into executive session and invite Jim McDonald to discuss the Road Dam between County Roads 38 & 39 on County Road G regarding possible litigation at 9:09 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Whitmore, Bauer, Krafka, Steager, Birkel and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Janak. Motion carried.

Moved by Bauer and seconded by Birkel to come out of executive session at 9:50 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Bauer, Whitmore, Birkel, Steager, Krafka and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Janak. Motion carried.

Four Corners Health Department Board of Health Appointment of Board Members



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Chris Blanke represented Four Corners Health Department to ask the board to consider appointment of Medical Doctor, Jillian Fickenscher M.D. to the Four Corners Health Department Board of Health. Also, to request re-appointment of Don Naiberk as a Spirited Member to the Four Corners Board of Health and Dr. Wieting as the Board Dentist. Moved by Steager and seconded by Birkel to approve the appointments presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Steager, Birkel, Whitmore, Bauer, Krafka and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Janak. Motion carried.

Four Corners Health Department Update

Blanke reported to the board that Influenza A & B are still wide spread. She updated regarding COVID-19, that currently there are no positive cases Sunday, March 15, 2020. She reiterated that people should follow the Federal and State recommendations. The Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services is a great source for information as well as Four Corners Health Department.

Road Department – Update on Roads

Jim McDonald presented before the board. He informed them that after this last snow that came through the county did not go out and clean roads, they had been putting down a lot of gravel and didn't want to blade it off, plus it was such a wet snow that he thought they'd make a bigger mess of the roads if they were out. He told the board that he and the road & bridge committee met with Lincoln Premium Poultry and some owners of the chicken houses and discussed travel routes and a road haul/maintenance agreement.

Brian Brower, Bowstring Lake Association

In a meeting between McDonald, Mr. Brower and Tim Baxter from NIRMA; Baxter suggested that a survey and a hydraulic study are completed before the county makes any decisions regarding the utility permit. The board agreed with Mr. Baxter and have asked that the survey and hydraulic study are completed before any action is taken.

At 10:30 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick 5-minute break.

At 10:35 a.m. the board reconvened.

Approval & Adoption of Resolution 2020 – 5 Infectious Disease Outbreak Policy for the Butler County Handbook, All Elected Officials

Presented to the board was a handbook policy to implement for Butler County regarding an Infectious Disease Outbreak Policy. Present to discuss the policy were elected officials. During discussion changes were made to the resolution, County Attorney, Julie Reiter, excused herself to make the changes. Upon Reiter's return and further discussion, the board asked the elected officials present if they agreed to the policy change; the consensus was yes. Moved by Krafka and seconded by Steager to approve the resolution as presented with the changes made. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Krafka, Steager, Birkel, Whitmore, Bauer and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Janak. Motion carried.

Sheriff, Tom Dion, requesting to send Deputy Marla Schnell to D.A.R.E. training in Iowa, May 3rd through May 15, 2020

Sheriff Dion appeared before the board to request out of state travel for Deputy Schnell in May 2020. He provided a handout that explained the costs. He stated that with the current situation and bans on travel that the request can wait until it gets closer to the training. The board agreed that they could revisit the discussion at the April 20th Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Steager reported he attended a Four Corners Health meeting Sunday night and that masks are being distributed to Health Care facilities, nursing homes, clinics and fire & rescue departments. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic he has been in contact with both Emergency Manager, Mark Doehling and 911 Coordinator, Cherie Meysenburg.

Claims

The board reviewed the claims for March 2020. Birkel reported that the Noxious Weed Conference Registration that was included in the claims can be removed because the conference was cancelled. Moved by Birkel and seconded by Krafka



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to approve the claims with the removal of the Noxious Weed Conference claim. Upon roll call vote the following vote aye: Birkel, Steager, Krafka, Bauer and Mach. The following voted nay: NONE. Abstained: Whitmore. Absent: Janak. Motion carried.

Discussion

General discussion was brought up about the Senior Center and who directs them to close. Reiter instructed the board that the Senior Center operates under the County and that they would make the call, they do partner with Aging Partners; however, it is ultimately the County's decision.

Correspondence

1. Blue Valley Community Action Partnership Agenda March 17, 2020
2. Aging Partners Advisory Council Meeting Email

Committee Reports

Krafka informed the Board that he went to the Highway 30/64 Corridor Meeting in Platte county regarding the proposed bridge across the Platte River. He said that they are working to get a traffic study as well as getting an interlocal agreement put together between all entities involved.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be April 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

David W. Mach
Chairman