



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 3, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 3rd day of May, 2021 at the Butler County Highway 92 Building in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Scott Steager, Tony Krafska, Anthony Whitmore, David Mach, Robert Coufal and Ryan Svoboda. Absent: Scot Bauer.

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.

Quarterly Sheriff Report

Sheriff Tom Dion and Sheriff's Office Manager, Alexis Buresh, presented before the board the Sheriff reports for January, February, and March 2021. Also presented was the Sheriff report for April 2021. Buresh reported that she had spoken to the Sheriff in Seward County and they give the report monthly and that the monthly report is accepted by the State Auditors; the Sheriff will present the report monthly from here on out.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (SEE SEPARATE MINUTES)

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

Moved by Mach and seconded by Coufal to exit the Board of Equalization at 9:09 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Whitmore, Krafska, Svoboda, Coufal, and Steager. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Bauer. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on a possible gravel agreement with the Landfill for the "R" Road between roads 32-37

Randy Isham, Highway Superintendent, appeared before the board along with Ryan Boyer, landfill site manager, to discuss the potential for a road maintenance agreement. Boyer explained that he did not need a decision today; however, in order to pursue the topic with Waste Connections he wanted to make sure the board was in favor of an agreement. He proposed \$0.25 per ton with that money earmarked for road maintenance and maintenance of machines that maintain the roads. He said that fee could bring anywhere from \$50,000 to \$95,000 annually. He said over the last two years the landfill has spent approximately \$77,000 on road maintenance. Isham reported that since the beginning of 2021 the county has spent approximately \$16,000 on aggregate for the road. The board discussed and agreed that if Boyer pursued the topic with Waste Connections; he should meet with the Landfill committee and the county attorney to draw up an agreement to present before the board at a later date.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of utility permit for James Klement, Klement Electric to run a power cable under the road on Road 25 between Roads Q & R



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Isham presented a utility permit for James Klement, Klement Electric to run a power cable under the road on Road 25 between Q & R. He reported that the township has signed the permit and that he sees no issue with the permit as presented. Moved by Whitmore and seconded by Mach to approve the permit as presented. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Whitmore, Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Steager. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Bauer. Motion carried.

Update on Roads

Isham reported that overnight there have been reports of minor flooding by the Sheriff's department. He reported that the ditch crews are out cleaning ditches, he also has the dirt crew out working. He is looking into drainage issues in Plum Creek and Richardson Townships and will move crews there as soon as he can. He mentioned that after receiving the rain over the weekend that they came to work with water in the break room; the roofs will need to be looked at and repaired.

Letter from Barb Petrik, Relay for Life – Discussion/Possible Action – Permission to put luminaries around the courthouse square on June 18, 2021

Chairman Steager read aloud a letter from Barb Petrik requesting permission to place luminaires around the courthouse square on June 18, 2021 for the Relay for Life event. Moved by Mach and seconded by Coufal to allow the luminaries to be placed around the courthouse square on Friday, June 18, 2021. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Whitmore, and Steager. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Bauer. Motion carried.

Set date and time to open Health Insurance bids

Moved by Whitmore and seconded by Mach to open health insurance bids on Monday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Whitmore, Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Steager. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Bauer. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding re-financing the Ag Society Bond

Mandi Topil and Donnie Steager with the Ag Society appeared before the board stating the Ag Society Board had voted to go with Ameritus for the refinancing of the bond. Via Zoom, Jennifer Kobza with Ameritus presented to the board that the bonds new payment structure would save the county and its taxpayers \$105,478.88 over the life of the bond. Moved by Mach and seconded by Coufal to approve the refinancing of the Ag Society bond with Ameritus. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, Whitmore, and Steager. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Bauer. Motion carried.

Set date and time for public hearing for Dwight Rural Fire District and the Village of Dwight merger

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, presented to the board a joint resolution from the Dwight Rural Fire District and the Village of Dwight to merge the Village of Dwight and its existing corporate limits into the Dwight Rural Fire District. Following statute, the board must set a date and time for a public hearing for the merger. Moved by Whitmore and seconded by Mach to set the date and time of the public hearing for June 7, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Butler County Highway 92 Building Meeting Room. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Whitmore, Mach, Coufal, Svoboda, Krafka, and Steager. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Bauer. Motion carried.

2019-2020 Audit Report

The County Clerk informed the board that the Auditor of Public Accounts issued the Audit Report of Butler County for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 on April 19, 2021. A copy of the report is available in the office of the County Clerk. The board discussed the need to respond to future audits as well as make sure that the departments with findings are working to correct the issues.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update

Laska, updated the board that she has been dialing into the weekly NACO COVID-19 phone calls for updates on the ARPA guidance from the treasury. To date the only update was to make sure each county had an active DUNS number and



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active SAM.gov account; the county has both. In the call that was last week it was mentioned that guidance would be out from the treasury in the next week or two. Laska said she would keep the board updated.

Courthouse Security Procedures

No update

Human Resources Update

Heidi Loges, Human Resources Director, reported to the board that Randy Isham has hired a new foreman; she will announce the individual at a later date. She has also been helping 911 conduct interviews for dispatchers. She also asked the board for guidance; she has received a few reports that the Sheriff has been informing staff to keep issues within the department and not speak to HR. The board suggested a meeting with the Sheriff and Loges along with the liaisons of each department. Lastly, Loges reported that cell phone coverage and reception is not the best out at the Highway 92 building and was curious the boards thoughts on getting an antenna or extender to improve the coverage. The board told Loges to talk to Applied Connective and see what they can offer.

At 10:07 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 10:18 a.m. the board reconvened.

The Olson Group – Introduction and Health Insurance Information for 2021-2022 fiscal year

Amber Anderson and Brad Swiggart from the Olson Group introduced their company and discussed with the board options they have when looking at health insurance quotes and bids.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding planning a new subdivision in Section 18, Township 16 North, Range 1 East

Bob Kobza presented before the board a new subdivision that is developing in Butler County. He presented a survey with the initial first 5 lots that are planned and then a smaller plan that has a total of 26 lots. They are working with attorney, Clark Grant to get everything in order. He came before the board today to inform them of what is going on and what is to come at Ike's Acres, the name they have given the subdivision.

First State Insurance – Introduction and Health Insurance Information for 2021-2022

Ryan Ruth with First State Insurance appeared before the board to introduce his company and discuss with the board options they have when looking at health insurance quotes and bids.

Discussion

The board discussed data that was provided to them regarding health insurance costs over the last few years and the need to look at the cost of the family plan for employees and future employees.

Committee Reports

Road and Bridge updated that Isham had covered the information they had for an update.

Four Corners has a meeting coming up soon.

Butler County Development board met, and they will be meeting with 2 national hotel chains the following week.

At 10:57 a.m. the chairman declared the board would take a quick break.

At 11:00 a.m. the board reconvened.

Discussion regarding potential liquor license in the county

Durwald Vosler, Jr. presented before the board his intent to apply for a liquor license so that he can sell alcohol at his events that he has throughout the summer. The board told him to be in contact with the Sheriff and once his license



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comes to the board, they will have the public hearing to hear the for and against arguments for the license and then vote on approving the license or not. He thanked the board for their time and left.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be May 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisor's meeting room.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Scott Steager
Chairman