



Butler County Board Minutes



BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

August 31, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Nebraska was held on the 31st day of August 2021 at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room in David City, Nebraska at 9:00 a.m.

Present were the following: Anthony Whitmore, Scot Bauer, David Mach, Jan Sypal, Robert Coufal, and Ryan Svoboda. 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.

Supervisor Mach asked Chairman Whitmore if the Board could observe a moment of silence in honor of the 13 fallen soldiers.

Budget Hearing for 2021-2022

Moved by Svoboda and seconded by Mach to open the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 County Budget at 9:01 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Svoboda, Bauer, Mach, Sypal, Coufal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Tony Krafka.

County Clerk, Stephanie Laska, presented a summary of the budget. She noted that she was notified by the assessors' office that a TIF had been paid off by the City of David City therefore understating the county's valuation. The valuation was updated and re-certified to the clerk's office on Friday, August 27, 2021. As a result, the Summary that was published in the Banner Press is not correct and a Summary of Changes will need to be completed within 20 days of the budget being approved by the board. Laska said that publishing a summary of changes is not uncommon especially if changes are made as a result of the budget hearing and or the special tax request hearing. She has reached out to the State auditors office to make sure she is correctly informing the board but had not heard back from them before the meeting. She said she would update the board at the September 7th meeting if anything were to change.

Summary of budget information: The County Valuation was under valued by \$2,745,355. The published levy was .182018; however, with the new information it was reduced to .181813. Compared to last years tax request the 2021-2022 tax request is up 5% or \$204,623.15. This year's tax request is \$4,418,416.59. The levy this year is going up 3% or .00562. The county valuation increased 2% which compensated for only a 3% increase in the levy.

Laska asked the board if they had any additional questions regarding the budget. They did not. Chairman Whitmore asked if there were comments or questions regarding the budget. Molly Hunter, Banner Press, inquired if there was information regarding the TIF that was paid off? Laska said she did not have any information on that. She also asked how the board was going to handle the increased valuation. They said there would be no further changes to the budget, therefore, the increase would be used to reduce the levy.



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Chairman Whitmore asked if there was any further discussion from the board? There was none. He asked if there was any further comment from the public. There was none. There being no further comments, Whitmore asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Moved by Mach and seconded by Bauer to close the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. Upon roll call vote the following voted aye: Mach, Bauer, Svoboda, Coufal, Sypal, and Whitmore. The following voted nay: NONE. Absent: Krafka. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be September 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Butler County Courthouse Supervisors Meeting Room.

Stephanie L. Laska
County Clerk

Anthony Whitmore
Chairman