

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2020.**

With limited public access to the courthouse due to COVID-19, this meeting was held telephonically with the public able to participate on a limited basis. This complies with Iowa Code section 21.8 that outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is “impossible or impractical”.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Heidenwirth with member Greg Barnett present and member Rusty Eddy present telephonically.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public comments by Leslie Groen were regarding the Iowa COVID-19 Local Government Reimbursement Program, and that the application was due today. Jennifer Becker responded that because she is a salaried employee, none of her wages will be covered, so Public Health did not qualify. John Zimmerman stated that three surrounding counties applied, and he finds it troubling that the county did not apply. Floyd County approved some part-time help to assist the Auditor with elections. Auditor Williams stated that she is fully staffed and has most poll workers hired. Many people have stepped forward to work. Groen challenged Becker as to her being able to claim 25% of payroll for Public Health’s COVID Response.

Director of Public Health Jennifer Becker reported 21 new positive cases of COVID-19 since September 8, 2020 with 13 recovered, 5 hospitalized and a 7% positivity rate.

Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to authorize Auditor to transfer \$919,384 from Capital Projects to Secondary Roads. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to opt out of the Payroll Tax Deferral as follows:

**RESOLUTION #965**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that Butler County will opt out of the presidential directive to defer the payment of employee social security tax.

**UPON Roll Call** the vote thereon was as follows:

**AYES:** Tom Heidenwirth  
Rusty Eddy  
Greg Barnett

**NAYS:** None

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

**ATTEST:** *Lizbeth Williams*, County Auditor

Moved by, Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 A.M. to Tuesday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Motion carried.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on September 15, 2020.