

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON January 25, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 A.M. by board member Greg Barnett with Chairman Rusty Eddy attending via zoom. Board member Tom Heidenwirth was absent for the meeting as he had a pre-planned engagement. Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

No public comment received.

A COVID-19 update was given by Public Health Director, Jennifer Becker. Becker covered the current CDC guidelines and clarified that Butler County receives its guidance from Iowa Department of Public Health. A short discussion was had on where test kits could be ordered from and Becker stated that this information is included on their Facebook page.

FY23 Budget Workshop:

Butler County Soil and Water Conservation Funding Request was made by Jim Lindaman. He stated that he appreciated the assistance from the previous years and was hoping they would keep them in mind this year as well. Barnett mentioned that they will review it and he did not see any issues with continuing to help. Public Health Director, Jennifer Becker, addressed a line item concerning losses to staff that have yet to be re-hired. In anticipation of hiring, that section of the budget has made room for these positions. Also, new software has to be purchased due to a discontinuance of the current software. Finally, the potential of the Public Health Department relocating to a different/new building has been added to the future budget. The total budget is expected to be down \$150,000, largely due to the COVID money received, which covered some expenses. Becker also explained that there were more deaths in Butler County this past year and they required more autopsies, which cost the department.

John Riherd, County Engineer, discussed his FY22 budget in more detail while setting up the FY23 budget. He explained that local construction is a large portion of what is budgeted, and transfers are received from Capital Projects to cover these expenses. The majority of other items are related to salary increases. A \$2 million in property tax asking will be made for secondary roads which is an increase from previous years. Riherd also explained how he keeps track of used funds but utilizing the transfers from Capital Projects. This allows him to report the expenditures better but it creates confusion with his budget seemingly being off by \$2 million, as that portion of his expenditures is recuperated through the Capital Projects funds and budget.

Barnett moved on to the Butler County Libraries funding request. County Auditor, Leslie Groen, provided information from libraries in surrounding counties. They stated that most libraries have a specific ask for funding, as opposed to the group of Library requests within Butler County. Groen stated that she will seek more information from libraries and they will discuss it further at a later date.

Barnett discussed a meeting with Bremer County in regards to improvements to 240th St. which impact Grove Road near Shell Rock. Eddy made a motion to table the conversation to next week, second by Barnett.

The board reviewed a utility permit for Mid-American Energy at HWY 14 and 310th St. Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve the permit.

The board reviewed a utility permit for Iowa Regional Utilities Association – new 3” service under Spring Ave. (Honeytree Hills). Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve the utility permit.

A date and time for Public Hearing on Ten Hoeve Minor Plat, Knudsen Rezoning from A-1 to R-2, and McDivitt Rezoning from A-1 to M, was set for Tuesday, February 1st at 9:00 A.M. in the courthouse basement, EOC.

Eddy motioned to approve Resolution 858-21B, second by Barnett to include the 5% pay raise for the Supervisors.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:54 A.M. to February 1, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. All ayes. 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 January 25, 2022.

Attest:

Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors