

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2019.**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with member Tom Heidenwirth present. Member Greg Barnett was absent. Also present were Engineer John Riherd and Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Board finalized FY2020 County Budget. Also present were Assessor Michele Shultz and Treasurer Vicki Schoneman.

Board considered Resolution Declaring Support and Intent of Placement of Historic Route 20 Signage on the County/State Maintained Road. Also present was Recorder Janice Jacobs. Following discussion, it was moved by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to approve. Barnett was absent. Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION #918**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF BUTLER, IOWA – DECLARING SUPPORT AND INTENT OF THE PLACEMENT OF HISTORIC ROUTE 20 SIGNAGE ON THE COUNTY/STATE MAINTAINED ROAD**

Whereas, U.S. Highway Route 20 was created in 1926 from Boston, MA to Yellowstone National Park, WY; and

Whereas, By 1943, U.S. Highway 20 was extended to Newport, OR – a distance of 3,365 miles; and

Whereas, U.S. Highway Route 20 extended 333 miles between Dubuque and Sioux City, Iowa; and

Whereas, U.S. Highway Route 6 was decommissioned in most of California in 1964, making U.S. Highway 20 the longest highway in the country; and

Whereas, Over the years, U.S. Highway Route 20 has conveyed commerce and pleasure travelers whose needs were met by nearby cities and counties; and

Whereas, The State of Iowa has been working since 1952, to relocate U.S. Highway Route 20 to a four lane highway; and

Whereas, though largely supplanted by the four lane highway route, the original segment of U. S. Highway Route 20 remain, although most are no longer identified as such; and

Whereas, Former U.S. Highway Route 20 served as the main street of many Iowa cities and towns along its length and, though no longer designated as former U.S. Highway Route 20, these segment represent both state and local historic significance; and

Whereas, the Historic US Route 20 Association, Inc., is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization aimed to promote tourism and economic development along the original 1926 alignment if UA Rout 20; and

Whereas, The Historic Route 20 Association Inc., provides historic route markers to act as a wayfinding tool to guide tourists and travelers on the 1926 alignment to a local agency; and

Whereas, Designation of a Historic Route and the permission of placement if historic markers on State Public Highways must come from the Iowa Department of Transportation; and

Whereas, Without formal designation, the history and contribution of these segments of U. S. Highway Route 20 to the development of the state would remain less known; and

Whereas, Recognition of these segment will foster the economic health and cultural preservation of small communities and towns located along the highway; and

Whereas, It is fitting that a means to designate these historic sections of former U.S. Highway Route 20 be established; now, thereto, be it

Resolved by the County of Butler, Iowa, hereby recognizes the original 1926 segment of former U.S. Highway Route 20 on the County of Butler, Iowa as *Historic Route 20 (Iowa)* for its historical significance and importance in the development of Iowa; and be it further

Resolved, The County of Butler, Iowa commits to the permitting and placement of Historic Route 20 Markers within its borders, including the State DOT Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Iowa Department of Transportation, upon receipt of this Resolution by all interested local agencies along the original segment of U. S. Highway Rout 20, to designate that section of highway as *Historic Route 20 (Iowa)*; and be it further

Resolved the Clerk of the County of Butler, Iowa transmit copies of the resolution to the Historic US Route 20 Association and the requesting local agency.

Now, Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved by the Butler County Board of Supervisors of the County of Butler, Iowa that we are in support of the recognition and designation of the Historic Route 20 and the placement of the Historic Route 20 Markers.

Passed and Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019  
UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

**AYES:** Tom Heidenwirth  
Rusty Eddy

**ABSENT:** Barnett  
**NAYS:** None

WHEREUPON the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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

Board met with Assessor Michele Shultz to discuss presumed higher property taxes in Parkersburg, Iowa than elsewhere in Butler County. Supervisor Eddy requested a review and explanation of taxes and values for the City of Parkersburg. Assessor Shultz explained that there are variables that affect the amount of taxes paid such as the budgets of the taxing authorities, the value of the property and the taxable value of the property. She also presented real estate sales activity of residential real properties. Sales in Parkersburg indicate a strong market. Shultz reported that Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Res properties are based on market value. Agricultural value is based on productivity, and the majority of Butler County value is attributed to agricultural properties. Treasurer Vicki Schoneman added that approximately 22% of tax dollars paid are apportioned to the County, while approximately 78% of the taxes paid by residents are apportioned to other taxing authorities. The total levy for the City of Parkersburg is \$34.31022 per \$1,000 of valuation as compared to the average city levy of \$35.57535 per \$1,000 of valuation.

No public comment received.

Board approved claims as submitted.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for Brocka Finisher Farm; RB DeGroote Finisher Farm; RB Real Finisher Farm; RB Spain Finisher Farm; Pleasant Valley Finisher Farm; Muth Stock Farm and Riverton Site #1.

Moved by Eddy second by Heidenwirth to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 A.M. to Tuesday, February 19, 2019 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 February 12, 2019.