

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON April 12, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Tom Heidenwirth and Greg Barnett present. Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Retired ER physician and former family physician, Gary Beetner, spoke in favor of the EMS resolution during public comment. In regards to the EMS volunteers, he stated that these are members of our communities that serve in an unselfish manner for the good of our communities. He mentioned that it is difficult to find volunteers today, and that those who do serve provide a substantial subsidy to our lives in Butler County. Furthermore, he commented that we need to look and see if there are ways to spread the burden more fairly to those of us who benefit from this.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to open a Third Public Hearing to consider a Resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an essential service. A question regarding payment of the EMS services was made. Eddy outlined that we are in the early processes and that has yet to be determined. Barnett mentioned that the State has given guidance for utilizing a Property Tax and/or Income Surtax. Heidenwirth motioned to close the Public Hearing, second by Barnett. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the Third Reading of Resolution 1017 – Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an Essential Service in Butler County, Iowa, as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1. Barnett motioned to approve the Third Reading of Resolution 1017 – Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to be an Essential Service in Butler County, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #1017
DECLARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)
TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN BUTLER COUNTY, IOWA
AS AUTHORIZED BY IOWA CODE SECTION 422D.1**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to "...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents"; and

WHEREAS, Butler County supports EMS to its residents and seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of maintaining and advancing the level of care, capability, and coverage of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Butler County; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds, amending Iowa Code Section 422D.1, giving Iowa Counties the ability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county's voters at an election.

WHEREAS, Butler County Board of Supervisors, on January 18, 2022, directed that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution be made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS to be an essential county service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors, that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Butler County, Iowa, and the Butler County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Butler County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Butler County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working or traveling in Butler County, Iowa. Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Butler County emergency medical services advisory council and the proposition of a local option income surtax and/or ad valorem property tax to fund EMS to be voted upon by Butler County voters.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that adoption of this resolution will allow:

1) The creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching / assessing the service needs of the county and guide implementation of the same under Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

2) For an election to be offered for voter approval of an ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value or ad valorem property tax for EMS and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

1st Reading Date: March 30, 2022

2nd Reading Date: April 5, 2022

3rd Reading and Approval Date: April 12, 2022

Upon Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows: AYES: Rusty Eddy, Greg Barnett, Tom Heidenwirth;
NAYS: None

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 12th day of April, 2022.

Rusty Eddy
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Leslie Groen
Leslie Groen, County Auditor

The Sheriff's quarterly report was reviewed. Barnett motioned to placed on file, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

An agreement for the ARPA Grant Application for the Dumont Telephone broadband project was reviewed. Auditor Leslie Groen detailed the agreement and Barnett moved to approve, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

A Utility Permit for Dumont Telephone fiber project – Birch Avenue was considered. Engineer John Riherd explained that the project is along HWY 3 and Birch Avenue. He recommended that the permit be approved. Heidenwirth moved to approve the Utility Permit for Dumont Telephone, second by Barnett. All ayes. Motion carried.

Final Progress Vouchers for 2021 HMA projects was considered. Riherd reviewed the contracts and final quantities. Barnett motioned to approve, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

The FY2023 DOT Secondary Road Budget and Five-Year Program was considered. Riherd described the projects, costs and timeline associated with them. He explained that once we get four years out it is difficult to understand the needs and projects at that point. Riherd mentioned the same figures were used from the county budget and indicated a FY23 beginning balance of \$2.5 million and FY23 anticipated ending balance of \$1.87 million. Barnett moved to approve FY2023 DOT Secondary Road Budget and Five-Year Program as presented, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:34 A.M. to April 19, 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 April 12, 2022.

Attest: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Rusty Eddy
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors