

# MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 8:59 A.M. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Tom Heidenwirth and Greg Barnett present. Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Roger Kregel, Dumont Telephone, inquired about a location in the New Hartford area for putting up a building. He is looking for options that cover a 40 X 60 feet area with a standby generator. County Engineer, John Riherd, mentioned that he would look into the county-owned land and Kregel asked to be placed on the September 13<sup>th</sup> agenda to revisit the request.

Board discussed the McDivitt junkyard. County Zoning, Misty Day, explained the situation and inspected the area yesterday. She stated that he has cleaned much of the area and is working on compliance. She indicated that McDivitt has vehicles on the property that are not registered and he has some that are waiting to be taken off the property. McDivitt was in attendance and discussed his intentions with the vehicles and the property. Day outlined a process to stay in compliance and avoid a fine. McDivitt mentioned that the neighbor that filed the complaint lives in California and is only in Iowa for 30 days per year. He stated that he does not want to come to the courthouse again. He had 150 vehicles and is down to 45 vehicles at this point. Day mentioned that there is a fully fenced-in area that he can move the remaining vehicles into. She needs to see the registrations for all vehicles and to have the rest of the vehicles moved indoors or in the fenced area. Eddy stated that the board appreciates the effort he has made so far and that the issue will be revisited down the road. McDivitt said he did not need an extension to get the vehicles taken care of. Day reiterated that any unlicensed vehicles need to be moved into a shed or within the fenced-in area.

Board discussed the farm lease bids. There are two leases that will be up for bid. The board set the bids for September 20, 2022, during the regular supervisors meeting. It will be published in the newspapers for the two weeks leading up to the meeting. Eddy motioned to accept bids on September 20<sup>th</sup>, second by Barnett. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board discussed the IT survey software. IT Director, Sara Trepp, commented that the software for the survey is \$384 per year and can be used for any surveys and statistics that are included. Barnett mentioned that it had received over 400 responses since it has been online. Trepp is going to cover the cost through her budget.

A utility permit was considered for Butler County REC – underground service to Longhorn Acres (C55 and Spring Ave). Riherd explained that service is being brought in and recommends approval. Eddy motioned to approve, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

Iowa DOT federal aid funding agreement was considered for bridge replacement on Cedar Ave – Sec 28 Washington Township. Riherd mentioned that this is west of Austinville and plan on using federal and/or state funds for the replacement of the bridge. Barnett moved to approve, second by Eddy. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Engineer, John Riherd discussed West Fork Cedar River overflow on T55, Sinclair Ave resurfacing funding, and Title VI updates. Riherd explained that there will be some expenses associated with these projects including a wetland credit as they will need to utilize a section of designated wetlands. Riherd is looking for approval to use funds from capital projects which would be around \$12,000 for the credits. The Sinclair Ave project, with a budgeted \$3.9 Million, is complete and set to cost \$80,000 less than the original plan. Riherd is looking for a way to complete the funding of the project. In 2012, the Title VI program was initiated in Butler County which calls for the assurance of spending the aid in the correct way. They are transitioning into using more federal funds which have more strings attached than the state funds.

Board discussed County property sale of easements. Conservation Director, Mike Miner, was present to explain an easement that would go through a portion of the rolling prairie bike trail. Barnett noted that he is 1000% against signing an easement with the pipeline. The pipeline offered a \$1,740 price to bore through that area. Miner mentioned that he wanted to be on the same page as the board and it is ultimately the decision of the conservation board whether or not to sign and accept the sale. This will be revisited in the future.

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

Motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:55 A.M. to September 6, 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 August 30, 2022.

Attest: Leslie Groen  
Butler County Auditor

Rusty Eddy  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors