

# MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MAY 23, 2023.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 A.M. by Chairman Greg Barnett with members Rusty Eddy and Wayne Dralle present. Moved by Dralle second by Eddy to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Adam Meyer, farmer in Ripley Township, spoke during Public Comment about a culvert being put in on other side of the road. Water is now pooling up in the ditch on his side of the road. John Riherd, Engineer, commented that the project is not complete, and they are planning on finishing it after harvest.

A date and time for a second Public Hearing to consider Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Ordinance for was set for May 30, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Board recognized County Employee Years of Service Awards. The following employees were awarded for their respective years of service:

Courthouse Maintenance

Bill Miller – 10 years

Donis Dralle – 20 years

County Assessor

Karla Voss – 30 years

County Attorney

Wendy Dralle – 25 years

County Auditor

Lisa Beadle – 10 years

County Planning & Zoning

Misty Day – 10 years

County Sheriff

Curt Lubben – 20 years

Lane Bass – 20 years

Kiley Winterberg – 25 years

Collin Freeseaman – 25 years

Kendall Siems – 20 years

County Treasurer's Office

Ashley White – 10 years

Secondary Roads

Jon Uhlenhopp – 45 years

Daniel Christiansen – 25 years

John Riherd – 15 years

Nick Bell – 10 years

Mike Eckhoff – 10 years

Dan Christiansen was recognized on his retirement from Secondary Road Department after 25 Years of Service.

Tom Stewart, Aplington, stated that he filed a criminal complaint in May of 2022 and he has concerns with the response time of the County Attorney and addressed them to the board. County Attorney, Dave Kuehner, outlined the complaint in question and provided his response and reasoning regarding it.

Robert Rindels, Shell Rock, was not present to discuss the gravel road dump truck traffic.

Tammy Fleshner, EMS Association Chair, discussed the Butler County EMS plan. A full-time EMS coordinator will be hired after July 1, 2023, in order to assist existing local services. This individual will be at a minimum, EMT certified. Fleshner indicated that they are planning to start small and continue to take steps forward in eventually making EMS an essential service via an election. Flesher also shared they have been meeting with City Councils in May and will continue in June to explain the plan to the cities.

Dave Wangsness, Assessor reviewed the new 65+ Homestead Exemption recently passed in House File 718. Individuals that turned 65 years old before January 1, 2023, are now eligible. For the assessment year beginning on January 1, 2023, the exemption is for \$3,250 of taxable value. For assessment years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the exemption is for \$6,500 of taxable value. Wangsness explained this new exemption is completely county-funded and the application deadline is July 1, 2023. Discussions were held regarding the effects this new exemption will have on FY24 budgets just recently adopted in March and April.

Board considered addendum to approve Dumont Telephone fiber project in Aplington, Parkersburg and Ackley area – adding 310<sup>th</sup> St near Parkersburg. Riherd discussed the project briefly. Moved by Eddy, second by Dralle to approve the addendum. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed Resolution 1079-2023 authorizing County Auditor to pay \$1,415,000 to the Iowa DOT Farm-to-Market fund from Capital Projects – matching funds for T47 resurfacing project. Riherd discussed the original funding split of the project between Federal, Farm-to-Market and Capital Projects. He also explained that the final project costs were higher due to inflated costs which is why the request is for \$1.4 million versus the anticipated \$1 million from Capital Projects to pay back the Farm-to-Market account. Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve Resolution 1079-2023. Roll call was taken and Resolution 1079-2023 was adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION 1079-2023**  
**Payment from Capital Projects**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve and authorize the County Auditor to pay \$1,415,000 from Capital Projects Fund 1500 to the Iowa DOT Farm-to-Market fund from Capital Projects – matching funds for T47 resurfacing project STBG-SWAP-C012(121)--FG-12.

THEREFORE, a motion was made by Eddy and seconded by Barnett stating such payment.

UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Rusty Eddy NAYS: None ABSENT: N/A  
Greg Barnett  
Wayne Dralle

WHEREUPON, The Resolution was declared duly adopted this 23rd day of May, 2023.

*Greg Barnett*, Chairperson

ATTEST: *Leslie Groen*, County Auditor

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

Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:48 A.M. to May 30, 2023, 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 May 23rd, 2023.

Attest: *Leslie Groen*  
Butler County Auditor

*Greg Barnett*  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors