

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2024.

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

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

No public comment was received.

The following elected county officers were sworn in:

- Greg Barnett - Board of Supervisors, District 2
- Leslie Groen – County Auditor
- Jason Johnson – County Sheriff

Board reviewed Resolution #67-24 – Holidays 2025. Motion to approve holidays, minus Juneteenth, by Barnett, second by Eddy. Roll Call was taken: Ayes – Eddy, Dralle, Barnett. Nays – None. After further discussion on holidays, a motion was made by Eddy to amend Resolution #67-24 to observe Christmas Eve as a holiday in 2025, second by Barnett. Roll call was taken: Ayes – Eddy, Dralle, Barnett. Nays – None and Resolution #67-24 was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION #67-24 HOLIDAYS-2025

BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the following holidays be observed by the Butler County Courthouse to conform to the schedule as established by the State and Federal Governments. When the holiday is on a Saturday, it will be observed the day before and when it is on a Sunday, it will be observed the day following:

1. New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2025
2. Presidents' Day	Monday	February 17, 2025
3. Good Friday	Friday	April 18, 2025
4. Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2025
5. Independence Day	Friday	July 4, 2025
6. Labor Day	Monday	September 1, 2025
7. Veterans Day	Tuesday	November 11, 2025
8. Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 27, 2025
9. Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 28, 2025
10. Christmas Eve	Wednesday	December 24, 2025
11. Christmas Day	Thursday	December 25, 2025

Upon Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Rusty Eddy
Greg Barnett
Wayne Dralle

NAYS: None

ABSENT: N/A

WHEREUPON said Resolution was declared duly adopted this 17th day of December 2024.

ATTEST: *Leslie Groen*, County Auditor

Matt Morris, Conservation Director, asked to transfer \$46,000 of camping revenue to their reserve account. Motion by Barnett, second by Eddy to authorize Auditor to transfer FY25 revenue to Butler County Conservation reserve accounts. All ayes. Motion carried. Morris also discussed the status of their existing shop and provided pictures. After considering Conservation's needs and other departments capital improvements needs it was decided to have a future meeting to discuss capital projects.

Board recognized Scott Spratt as he is retiring after 20 years of service. John Riherd, Engineer, highlighted Spratt's contributions and recognized him for his service.

Board reviewed plans and specifications for T16 asphalt rehabilitation project. Riherd outlined the details of the project including an estimated cost of \$2,895,744. Motion by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve the project. All ayes Motion carried.

Board considered DOT funding agreement 2-24-STP-S-041 (T16 project-STP-S-C012(132)--5E-12). Motion by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve the funding agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board considered pledge of support for Secondary Roads Safety Action Plan-Safe streets for all program which we are eligible to apply for a grant through this program. Riherd read the pledge details and asked that the board make a pledge of support for the Safety Action Plan. Motion by Eddy, second by Barnett to pledge support for the Secondary Roads Safety Action Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board considered Resolution 2017-2024 Approving 28E Agreement & Letter of Support for 2025 RAISE grant application (Packard Bridge over Shell Rock River). Riherd discussed the federal aid grant, which includes seven counties. Butler County has volunteered to be the lead on the joint grant as the primary recipient. Motion by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve Resolution 2017-2024 and a letter of support. Roll call was taken: Ayes – Eddy, Dralle, Barnett. Nays – None and Resolution 2017-2024 was adopted as follows:

Resolution No. 2017-2024

**In Support of the Joint RAISE Grant Agreement
&**

**Letter of Support for the
2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project**

Whereas, Butler County, Iowa bridge FHWA #89500, AKA the Packard Bridge over the Shell Rock River has been identified as being part of a joint Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project, and

Whereas, it is desired by and in the interest of Butler County to participate fully in the RAISE project activities as a Primary Recipient and provide all requisite information necessary to bring to completion all project phases through final completion, and

Whereas, we are in support of Butler County providing Lead-recipient roles and duties, and

Whereas, we understand and accept the Primary Recipient roles and responsibilities as defined in the “28E Cooperative Agreement for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project”, and

Whereas, each County Bridge Owner as shown in Section 4, paragraph A-G shall be responsible for all local matching funds and accepts any costs exceeding the funds requested in the RAISE Grant application for their respective structure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to:

Attn: John Riherd, P.E.
Butler County Engineer
428 6th Street
PO Box 305
Allison, IA 50602
(319) 346-6558

Adopted this 17th day of December 2024.

Wayne Dralle
Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Board considered Secondary Road Department handbook addendum – Overtime Policy. Riherd explained the changes are needed as the transition from a union to the County Handbook has taken place. He would like to establish some written amendments to the current handbook to accommodate the needs of the Secondary Roads Department. Motion to approve by Barnett, second by Eddy. All ayes. Motion carried.

An Engineer’s update was provided. Projects are being completed and he has reviewed quotes for a new motor grader. Riherd shared his quote compares to recent bids other counties have received.

Motion by Eddy, second by Barnett to enter a closed session to discuss a Performance Review for Sara Trepp. Motion by Eddy, second by Barnett to return to open session.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Updates for Freedom Farm #63423.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Dralle to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:36 A.M. to December 23, 2024 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 December 17, 2024.

Attest: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Wayne Dralle
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors