

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2025.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Greg Barnett and Wayne Dralle present. Moved by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

During public comment the County Assessor, Dave Wangsness, informed the board there are ongoing problems with our GIS mapping vendor Sidwell over the past several months. The software is continually unavailable, making it hard for the Assessor's office, Planning and Zoning, Auditor's office, etc. to do their jobs. Wangsness mentioned there is another GIS mapping vendor, Beacon, and he recognizes they are more expensive. Rusty asked about the Sidwell contract terms and suggested getting the County Attorney to get involved and possibly send a letter to the vendor about performance measures not being met.

FY26 Budget Workshop:

Mike Stirling and Steve Dilger requested funds for the Butler County Fair. Stirling provided fair income/expenses, reviewed the 2024 projects completed and shared future projects including major updates to the livestock show arena. The past few years the County has budgeted and donated \$22,500 to the fair and in FY24 donated an additional \$10,000 to the new multi species livestock barn. For FY26 Stirling said they are seeking a \$30,000 donation. The Board thanked them for putting on a great fair a will consider this request through the budgeting process.

The Butler County Libraries were represented by librarians from Clarksville, Parkersburg, Aplington, Dumont, and Greene to request funds for FY26. The libraries have been receiving \$11,000 each and they requested the same funding for FY26. They also offered to set up a tour for the Supervisors to visit their libraries and discussed their after-school programs.

Recorder – Janice Jacobs shared possible revenue increases if legislation is passed to increase recording fees. Discussions were had regarding boat license renewal notices that the Recorder mails out. Jacobs stated they are not required to be sent. However, she forwent sending them once and after that decided they should continue to be sent.

Treasurer – Roxie Nicolaus shared law changes that should increase revenues, but hard to monetize until next year. She also stated there were no major expense changes outside of salary increases.

Public Health – Jennifer Becker shared their budget expenses have remained about the same with salaries being the only increase. In addition, they are going to expand their services to include patients with Medicare Advantage Plans in hopes of increasing their revenue and are piloting one right now to see how it goes. There were no changes to the Medical Examiner budget.

County Engineer – John Riherd went through the major changes in expenses and revenues that he is anticipating in FY26 including administrative costs to fill a vacant Assistance Engineer position, increases in rock costs, maintenance work increasing and possible new shed costs to reduce/combine sheds throughout the county. Riherd would like a Secondary Roads committee, including a County Supervisor, to discuss the future of county sheds and their locations. Barnett was interested in that committee. Riherd also explained that the approximate million dollar increase in revenue was from a bridge replacement reimbursement.

A Date and Time for FY25 Budget Amendment #3 was set for February 11, 2025. Auditor, Leslie Groen reviewed the items included in the amendment.

Riherd explained the updated Iowa Municipalities Workers' Compensation Association Rating, how it is determined and as a result Groen provided the FY26 estimated 7% reduction in premium.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to adopt Resolution #14-2025 authorizing County Auditor to transfer \$34,910 from Capital Projects to Secondary Roads – C45 Earth Shouldering. Roll was called as the resolution was adopted as follows:

TRANSFER RESOLUTION # 14-2025 Capital Projects to Secondary Roads

WHEREAS the Butler County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the County Auditor to transfer \$34,910 from Capital Projects Fund 1500 to Secondary Roads 0020.

