

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2025.

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

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

No public comment was received.

Crisis Intervention Services presented on February National Teen Dating Violence Awareness. The proclamation was recited, and stats were given on teen dating violence. Motion by Barnett, second by Dralle to make a Proclamation declaring February as National Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. All ayes. Motion carried.

An update was given on E911 Tower Land Acquisition Public Improvement Project. A date has been set for February 27th at 1:30 P.M. for the commissioners of the imminent domain board to meet and set a price for the land. Public notice will be posted and published.

FY26 Budget Workshops were held for the following:

- County Attorney – Dave Kuehner discussed on his budget and mentioned that the new software updates are now taken from the IT budget.
- Planning & Zoning, Environmental Health – Misty Kofron detailed her budget. Some additions have been made to the Planning & Zoning budget to cover mileage for board members and professional fees have increased in the case that the pipeline comes into play and requires lawyer fees. Environmental Health does not have much changing outside of the potential for new equipment and mapping updates.
- Veteran Affairs – Tom Heckman stated that his budget is close to the same. There is an added item to cover mileage for commissioners.
- IT Director – Sara Trepp outlined her budget and relayed that the computer programs item is up, equipment contracts have gone up slightly, and computer equipment has increased as updates are being made. Conservation is coming on the network which will include equipment and office licensing/security. Conservation will also have an iPad as they go on County Parks Online so that reservations can be made for camping through that site. Secondary Roads individuals now have emails which will be an additional cost throughout the year. Lastly, a switch will be made to T-Mobile as they have purchased U.S. Cellular.
- Sheriff – Jason Johnson detailed his budget and mentioned that the vehicles are a large expense as they need to be outfitted. Salaries have increased and there are a few positions that may require expenses toward training at the academy. He noted that comparatively, our deputies are making around \$10,000 less than surrounding counties. Additionally, dispatchers are difficult to keep as other counties seek them out.
- Emergency Medical Services – Kari Coates stated that there are not many changes and that salaries are the largest items. She is looking for new vehicles which will be an increase once that is purchased. The levy fund will be around 14 cents and that will not begin until July, 2025.

Coates provided an update on the EMS Part-time employee and they have an individual that they would like to offer the position to. This position is scheduled to be approximately 20 hours per week to start. Motion by Dralle, second by Barnett to approve the position. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eddy to table the Engineers Update to the following week, second by Barnett. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:27 A.M. to February 4, 2025 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 January 28, 2025.

Attest: *Leslie Groen*
Butler County Auditor

Rusty Eddy
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors