

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON April 29, 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, seconded by Dralle to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Dralle to approve April 22, 2025, minutes as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment was received.

Matt Wilken, Butler County Conservation Director, shared a campground update. We have 5 campgrounds with 122 public sites and all sites now have QR codes to pay by phone. In addition, 18 sites are now reservable online through mycountyparks.com which can be found as a link from the Butler County website.

The Board discussed bridge damage from grass fires. John Riherd, County Engineer, shared updates regarding investigation work, charges, billing, etc. that were coordinated with the Sheriff's Office and the County Attorney's Office. Eddy explained a recent situation in Parkersburg regarding fire damage and felt these grass fires should have similar charges. The bridge damages for each timber bridge were \$1,730 each and the concrete bridge damage was \$2,340. Eddy had questions regarding the damage amount associated with a felony. Barnett stated over \$5000 is considered a felony. Eddy shared his detailed account of conversations and his opinion regarding how the Parkersburg fire situation was handled vs. how these grass fires are being handled. Riherd summarized the steps being taken and stated he felt this situation has been made visible to increase awareness and deter people in the future. A deputy will hand deliver the bills to the affected parties and no additional action was taken by the Board.

Board considered a utility permit for Butler County REC - underground service at 28606 280th St and Riherd recommended approval. Motioned by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board considered FY26 DOT Budget and 5 Year Construction Program which Riherd initially provided on April 22nd for the Board to have and review. Riherd outlined scheduled projects that fall within the first few years of the 5 Year Program and explained the funding sources listed in the plan. The Engineer's Office will have the full 5 Year Program available on the County website. Motioned by Barnett, seconded by Dralle to approve the FY26 DOT Budget and 5 Year Construction Program. All ayes. Motion carried.

During the Engineer's update, Riherd shared information from the City of Clarksville regarding a plan for a berm along the north side of Sportsman's Park. The County received FEMA checks for approximately \$90,000 from last year's flood damage. They continue to haul rock after the first round and began work on a bridge southwest of Greene.

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

Janice Jacobs, County Recorder, commented that a bill presented earlier this session has passed and will increase recording fees from \$5 to \$10.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:54 A.M. to May 6, 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 April 29, 2025.

Attest: _____
Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors