MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON October 20, 2026

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

Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to approve the October 13, 2026, minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment was received.

Time and place for a public hearing to consider the E911 Tower Land Acquisition Public Improvement Project. Motioned by Eddy, second by Dralle to open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. County Attorney, Dave Kuehner mentioned the only action the Board would take following the hearing would be to approve the resolution authorizing to move forward with the project as stated. Kiley Winterberg, Gaylen Winterberg and Attorney Gary Pappenheim provided public comments related to past court orders, lease payments, negotiation efforts, tower improvements and upkeep, land value and the number of acres to be acquired. County Auditor Leslie Groen stated she has not received any public comments. Moved by Dralle, second by Eddy to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board considered Resolution No. 51-2026. Moved by Dralle, second by Barnett to approve the resolution. Eddy clarified with the Kuehner that approving the resolution would not close the door on lease negotiations and Kuehner stated it would not. Roll was called and Resolution No. 51-2026 was adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2026
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE E911 TOWER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY GAYLEN F WINTERBERG REVOCABLE TRUST, IN BUTLER COUNTY

Whereas, Butler County intends to commence a public improvement project and acquire certain real property owned by Gaylen F Winterberg Revocable Trust (Gaylen Winterberg Trustee) in Butler County shown in the proposed plat of survey. The General Location of the Project is described as:

> The Project is approximately 4.74 acres in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ NE ¼) of Section Thirteen (13) Township Ninety-one (91) North Range Seventeen (17) West of the 5th P.M., Butler County, Iowa

for the continued use of the Butler County Emergency Communications Tower and, if necessary, the acquisition may be through condemnation.

Whereas, Iowa law requires that the County must make a good faith effort to negotiate with the Owner to purchase the Property for the project before proceeding with acquisition of property by condemnation;

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the County to acquire the property under the terms of the Offer to Buy and Acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BUTLER COUNTY IOWA:

Section 1. That the Butler County Board of Supervisors, Butler County, Iowa hereby approves to proceed with the described project, to fund the final site-specific project, to select the design and route of the project and to authorize the acquisition of property and property interests.

UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON the Resolution was declared duly adopted on this 20th day of October 2026.

Greg Barnett
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Leslie Groen, County Auditor

Veteran Affairs Director, Erica Bliss provided a VA update. There are currently 843 veterans in the county with a majority being from the Vietnam era. She provided VA funding opportunities and mentioned there are 45 county vets with pending claims that she does not know about and she is reaching out to them to offer assistance. All three supervisors stated they have heard from veterans that have expressed thanks and that Erica has been very helpful.

Board considered the Eagleview Master Services Agreement. IT Director, Sara Trepp, explained this agreement is for new aerials and would replace the company used in the past. She reviewed pricing, contract renewal dates and how to cost is budgeted. Motioned by Eddy to approve the agreement as presented, second by Dralle. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to approve a utility permit for IRUA new water service @ 18395 270th St. All ayes. Motion carried.

During the Engineer's update, Riherd shared construction updates including Feldman bridge dirt work being done and hope to rock and reopen next week. C-13 near is getting rock shoulders and additional signage on curves. The bike trail west of Dumont is being paved over the next four days and work continues on Industrial Park Drive in Logistics Park. They are also working on four bridge lettings for 2027, including the Packard Bridge.

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

Motioned by Barnett, second by Dralle to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:06 A.M. to October 27th 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 October 20, 2026.

Attest: ***Lelie Groen*** **Butler County Auditor**

Greg Barnett **Chairman of the Board of Supervisors**