

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MARCH 24, 2020.

With no public access to the courthouse due to COVID-19, this meeting was held telephonically with the public able to participate. This complies with Iowa Code section 21.8 that outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical".

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Heidenwirth with members Greg Barnett and Rusty Eddy present. Also present were Engineer John Riherd, First Deputy Auditor Mary Brouwer, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, Assessor Michele Shultz Sheriff Jason Johnson, Recorder Janice Jacobs, Public Health Director Jennifer Becker, Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Showalter, Director of Veteran Affairs Tom Heckman, Network Administrator Sara Trepp, County Attorney Greg Lievens and Bethany Carson, Mid-America Publishing. Present telephonically were Auditor Lizbeth Williams, Warren Wiegman, Bristow, Iowa, Jolynn Young, Galen Mulder, Dave Schneiderman, John Luhning, Larry Luhning, Brice Zacharious, Gerald Peters, Deb Johnson, Chad Campbell, Steve Sessler, Dwight Folken and Julie Folken, Parkersburg, Iowa Bob Greenley, Shell Rock, Iowa and John Zimmerman, Greene, Iowa.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve a Class A Liquor License Renewal for American Legion Tack-Barnett Post #268, Greene, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried

Board set March 31, 2020 at 9:05 A.M as the date and time for a public hearing on Hummel new Confinement Feeding Operation in Section 2-91-17 in Ripley Township.

Board set April 7, 2020 at 9:05 A.M. as the date and time for a public hearing on proposed FY2020 County Budget Amendment.

Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to accept the recommendation of Engineer Riherd and approve a Utility Permit for Franklin County REC to reconstruct service line near 22860 Franklin Avenue. All ayes. Motion carried.

The deadline for Budget Certification has been extended to April 30, 2020 due to COVID-19, and with public interest in mind, it was moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to table approval of said budget to accept further public comment at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve the FY2020 Iowa DOT Butler County Secondary Roads Budget Amendment #2. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board held a review of an employee time-off policy for COVID-19 pandemic. County Attorney Lievens explained the main points of the policy. Following discussion, it was moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve said policy. All ayes Motion carried.

Public comments consisted of the following budget questions and concerns: Warren Wiegman, Bristow, Iowa wants to know how Administrative costs went up 19%? What are they? Reported to be Administrative costs, General County Management, Treasury Management and Information Technology costs. Jolynn Young wants the rates to stay the same. Dave Schneiderman stated that he serves on the school board and is aware of cuts in school budgets. He reported how they cut their budgets and asked how they were supposed to increase enrollment. John Luhning would like an evening meeting for people that work during the day and wants the Board to work to lower the levy rate more. Gerald Peters said that speaking for farmers he thought they stand to lose the most. Supervisor Barnett explained the rollback, taxable value and other factors that are involved. Deb Johnson says that information should be put out to educate the public and that the working public can't attend a 9 a.m. meeting. Steve Sessler agrees with Deb Johnson and wanted publication dates. Publication dates were reported to be February 4th and 5th. He wants budget clarity and agrees that he should have paid more attention and that other people should too. Supervisor Barnett stated that he thinks Trinity Rail will bring employment, additional revenue and hopefully increased enrollment in our school systems.

Board approved claims as submitted.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for F087 and Asche East Finisher Farm.

Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 A.M. to Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. 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 March 24, 2020.

Attest: _____

Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors