

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 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.

No public comment was received.

Board reviewed Access Systems Sales Agreement. Leslie Groen, Auditor, stated that it is a renewal for fax services. Moved by Barnett, second by Dralle. All ayes. Motion carried.

The following FY26 Budget Workshops were held:

- County Conservation – Matt Morris, Executive Director, mentioned that there are a few changes which include being added to the county network, flood insurance will be under the county instead of conservation, and there is an addition under the development line item as they seek to renovate the shop. Discussion was had on how to fund/complete the building. Also budgeted is a new vehicle and a 5% increase for employees. Morris compiled twelve projects that were completed without using the General Fund and reiterated that they work to stay within their budget.
- Auditor, Courthouse, Elections, Maintenance – Groen discussed the potential of an intern within the Courthouse. The Auditor budget has a new postage line for budget statement mailings and salary increases. The Elections budget has very little changes for FY26, although they are looking at the future purchase of equipment. Courthouse repairs and maintenance contracts have increased. In addition, the courthouse grounds budget has increased by \$5000 to cover cupola and schoolhouse repairs that were previously paid for through the historical society. The telephone change-over has allowed for a decrease in those costs.
- Misc, Nondepartmental – Groen stated that the General Relief fund has gone up due to increases in juvenile detention costs the county is responsible for paying. Permanent improvements were budgeted to include the E911 Tower Acquisition if that is not completed before July. General county insurance has been budgeted to increase by 12% and workers compensation budget has decreased approximately 7%.

Groen stated that she will compile all budgeted items from all departments to get an overall budget picture for the following week.

Board considered utility permit for Mid-American Energy Company 3 phase OH near Cedar Ave and HWY 3. John Riherd, Engineer, stated that the DOT is placing a structure and a berm. Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to approve the permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

An Engineer's update was provided. Riherd submitted the RAISE grant application, which is now changed to a BUILD grant, and would include the Packard bridge along with projects from other counties. Work continues on timber bridges and brush cutting as winter has remained mild.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Updates for Alex Johnson #68400, Ryan Freese #67695, Pleasant Valley Finisher #68386, RB Real Site Finisher #62676, RB Spain Finisher #62682, Brocka Finisher #64299, Irish Finisher #70851 and Spain Finishers #63598.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:34 A.M. to February 11, 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 February 4, 2025.

Attest: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Rusty Eddy
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors