

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 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 Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the minutes as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment was received.

Jeff Kolb, Butler-Grundy Development Alliance, discussed the Childcare Initiative. Kolb explained that childcare facilities in the area have difficulties with attracting and retaining employees. A childcare task force was created, and it was determined that the average pay for childcare staff was very low, which has resulted in approximately 100 open spaces due to lack of staffing. The goal is to increase wages by \$2.00 an hour by fundraising through public and private employers. A State grant program would also match a certain amount. Employers can complete a 3-year pledge to a Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa fund to administer. The goal is workforce retention as families will have more opportunities for childcare.

John Riherd, County Engineer, recognized Russ Seehusen on his retirement after 34 years with Secondary Roads.

Riherd, discussed plans for (5) precast concrete bridges. The estimated amount to cover all five bridges is around \$815,000. Two of the bridges are shared with Franklin County and costs will be shared on those. The (5) precast concrete bridges include the following locations: C26W20 (Keystone Ave south of 135<sup>th</sup> St.), E12N10 (170<sup>th</sup> St. east of Forest Ave), M07W10 (Franklin Ave north of 300<sup>th</sup> St), M19W10 (Franklin Ave north of 320<sup>th</sup> St) & N15W10 (Jay Ave north of 310<sup>th</sup> St). Bids will be open on March 11, 2025, for these projects. Moved by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the plans as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leslie Groen, Auditor, shared that the Access Systems Sales Agreement #84033 was an annual agreement of \$3,675 Zoning eForms support. Motion by Dralle, second by Barnett to approve the agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed an application for Class C Retail Alcohol License for Round Grove Golf & Country Club. Motion by Dralle, second by Barnett to approve the license. All ayes. Motion carried.

Groen explained changes to the budget during the FY26 Budget Workshop, comparing the compensation board recommended wage increases with the 3% wage increases requested from the previous meeting. The difference between those comes to approximately \$150,000. Some revenues were adjusted, and it was noted that \$150,000 was budgeted for the E911 Tower Land Acquisition Project in both FY25 and FY26, not knowing which year it may be completed. It was suggested to re-work some budget items.

An Engineer's update was provided. Riherd stated that there is internal interest with some openings and may have openings during the Spring. Bridge letting is taking place on a few bridges and they are preparing for some construction in the Spring.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Updates for Brad Finisher Farm #63579 and Manure Management Plan Form for RB/Poppen Finisher Farm #59431, Gabe Finisher Farm #58196 and Feckers Finisher Farm #57727.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:22 A.M. to February 25, 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 18, 2025.

Attest: Leslie Groen  
Butler County Auditor

Rusty Eddy  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors