

## MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 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.

Derek Kramer, Shell Rock, was present to discuss concerns about the Logistics Park. He noted that he has lived near the train tracks for 45 years and the railroad traffic has increased with the Logistics Park expansion which results in blowing their horns throughout the night. He inquired about establishing a "quiet zone" between certain hours of the night. John Riherd, Engineer, stated that he would contact personnel that he knows through the DOT and the Railroad to initiate that conversation.

Board reviewed an appoint of to the Board of Adjustment. Misty Kofron, Planning & Zoning, stated that Kevin Toben has agreed to serve a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment. Motion by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve Kevin Toben to the Board of Adjustment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board reviewed State of Iowa Agreement. Sara Trepp, IT Director, explained that there is a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State to include CrowdStrike on all Election workstations. Motion by Eddy, second by Barnett to approve the MOU with the Secretary of State. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board considered letter of support for application for National Association of County Engineers (NACE) State Director position. Riherd is seeking to apply as the representative for the State of Iowa. Motion by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the letter of support. All ayes. Motion carried.

An Engineer's update was provided. Bid letting on deck overlay south of Unverferth on T55 and three additional bridges on T25. Five bids were received with three bids coming under the Engineer's estimated cost of approximately \$1,223,000. Riherd will provide full details of the winning bid in the future. Secondary Roads crew has road maintenance training scheduled.

During the FY26 Budget Workshop, Leslie Groen, Auditor, stated that Rural Supplemental can be used for certain areas within the budget. Groen prepared budgets utilizing the maximum salary raises and the 3% raises, while comparing high versus low levy rates. Discussion was had to determine the salary raises to be used on the proposed budget statement mailing. Groen explained budgets and levy rates can be decreased from the published rates and expenses but not increased. Deb McWhirter, a Butler County Compensation Board member, shared her opinion regarding their work and the recommendations they provided. County Recorder Janice Jacobs reminded the Board they chose to re-establish the Compensation Board, the purpose of that board and the work they do. Eddy felt we should move forward budgeting with a 3% increase while Barnett and Dralle shared thoughts on utilizing the Compensation Board's FY26 recommendations for the FY26 Proposed Budget statement mailing. Groen will prepare the initial proposed budget utilizing the Compensation Board's FY26 recommendations.

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 DCI Bennezette 2 #71200, Woodford Creek Farms 170/171 #58327, RIG 3 Bennezette #60134 and Kurt Wolf #58535.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Dralle to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:54 A.M. to March 4, 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 25, 2025.

Attest: Leslie Groen  
Butler County Auditor

Wayne Dralle  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors