

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MARCH 11, 2025.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Greg Barnett and Wayne Dralle present. Leslie Groen, Auditor, stated that a change was made to the agenda to add the election canvass. As the canvass is required by law, Iowa Code was followed stating the reason an agenda item was added 20 minutes after the initial 24-hour notice. 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.

During Public Comment Leslie Groen, Auditor, stated that Elections Deputy, Matt Wilken, will be leaving the Auditor's office as he has accepted the Conservation Director position with Butler County Conservation. Ellah Schell, Finance/Elections Clerk will be promoted to the Elections Deputy position and her position will be posted for hiring soon. Eddy stated that he received a call concerning a road with potholes. John Riherd, Engineer, said he will address the issue.

Board reviewed application for Class C Retail Alcohol License for Beaver Meadows Golf and Country Club. Motion by Barnett, second by Dralle to approve the license. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board discussed House Study Bill 313 / Senate Study Bill 1208 regarding property tax reform with Assessor, Dave Wangsness providing some highlights pertaining to property taxes reform aimed toward eliminating the rollbacks and credits. The bill also aims to cap budgeted tax dollars at 2% of valuations annually, unless there is new construction.

Board conducted bid letting for 2025 Local Bridges – Material Bid. County Engineer, John Riherd, reiterated that there are five local bridges, and the letting is being conducted for the panels. One sealed bid received and opened for: Forterra Pipe & Precast, LLC DBA Rinker Materials from West Des Moines for \$659,235.00. The Engineer's estimate for the projects was \$815,000. Motion by Dralle, second by Barnett to accept the bid from Forterra Pipe & Precast, LLC DBA Rinker Materials for \$659,235. All ayes. Motion carried.

During the Engineer's update Riherd shared that deck overlays will be starting in April. Troy Ulrich is moving to the Allison shop leaving a vacancy in Shell Rock.

During the FY26 Budget Workshop Auditor, Leslie Groen, shared line items that she felt could be reduced totaling \$53,000 but she is doing up some additional follow-up to be sure.

Board discussed the Budget Statement Mailing. Groen shared the initial notice for the County will be published in the newspapers, and the budget statement will be mailed to every household/property owner in the county. The notice breaks down the county, school district, and city public hearing date/time and levy rates. The statements will be in the mail by the end of this week.

Board Canvassed results of the March 4, 2025, North Butler PPEL Special Election.

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

Motioned by Dralle, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:54 A.M. to March 18, 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 March 11, 2025.

Attest: Leslie Groen
Butler County Auditor

Rusty Eddy
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors