

# MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON February 24, 2026.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Greg Barnett with members Wayne Dralle and Rusty Eddy present. Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to approve the February 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

During Public Comment Ruth Saulsbury, Clarksville, provided an update regarding the Midwater BESS, LLC application for the Battery Energy Storage Project with the projected site located near the Shell Rock River outside Glenville, MN.

The Iowa Appeals Court upheld the District Court's ruling that county ordinances cannot interfere with federal safety standards and pipeline routing decisions made at the State level. Shelby & Story County requested that the US Supreme Court look at this ruling which they ultimately denied in January of 2026, making the Iowa Appeals Court decision the final ruling in this case and making our pipeline ordinance invalid to enforce. Zoning Administrator Misty Kofron and County Attorney Dave Kuehner were present to discuss. Based on the current verbiage in our zoning ordinance no additional action will be taken at this time.

The Board discussed the application for Congresswoman Ashley Hinson Community Project Funding. Katie LaBree from the Butler-Grundy Development Board shared a brief description of a water waste collection project that would be in Butler County Logistics Park. Butler-Grundy Development Board wishes to apply for the funding on behalf of the county. Motioned by Dralle, second by Eddy to approved Resolution #20-2026. Roll was called and the resolution was approved as follows:

## **Resolution #20-2026**

A Resolution of Butler County approving an application to Congresswoman Ashley Hinson for Community Project Funding and directing execution of said application by the Board of Supervisors.

Moved by Dralle and seconded by Eddy to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Butler Logistics Park is located in rural Butler County, and is a significant driver of economic development, employment, and private sector investment in our county and our region.

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of Butler County to avail itself of financial assistance through the Community Project Funding Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County as follows:

- 1) The Community Project Funding application for the expansion of the wastewater collection system at Butler Logistics Park is approved and endorsed by the Board of Supervisors.
- 2) Local match funding will be provided using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) proceeds.
- 3) Butler-Grundy Development Alliance is the lead economic development organization serving Butler County, for which a 28E agreement is in place, and will serve as the primary point of contact for this application.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Wayne Dralle, Greg Barnett, Rusty Eddy

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Passed and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

*Greg Barnett*, Chairman  
Butler County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: *Leslie Groen*, Butler County Auditor

County Engineer John Riherd, shared updates for the proposed Secondar Road regional maintenance shed construction. Plans are near 90-95% complete and they are ready to set a public hearing date for March 10, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

As co-chair of the Together 4 Families (T4F) Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Area Board shared Shawna Lebeck's resignation as ECI Director. At this time the FMC and T4F local boards and HHS are working on a transition plan to finish out the FY26 fiscal duties. Administrative Assistant Gloria Carr will take on some responsibilities in the short term. ECI funding continues to be discussed this legislative session; therefore, a new ECI Director position will not be posted at this time. More information to come as future funding decisions are made at the state level.

During the BY27 Budget Workshop Kari Coates, EMS Coordinator, shared an updated budget worksheet. The updates include reduced car expenses and new car lines items. These budget expense reductions result in a FY27 EMS levy of \$.020733. Groen shared the Supervisor budget was reduced by removing the Budget Director expense line because of ongoing confusion surrounding Compensation Board recommendations, stipends, etc. Plans to designate a Budget Director will continue, but there will not be compensation budgeted for FY27. The Board went on to review FY27 total budget expenses, funding requests, levy rates and the

proposed budget publication notice. They discussed the confusion surrounding the publication and budget statement mailing to taxpayers. Next week's agenda will include approval of the FY27 proposed budget and setting a date and time for the public hearing.

During the Engineer's update Riherd explained they have submitted the application for the BUILD grant, will have a RISE grant application ready in a few weeks. There will also be an Urban Renewal/TIF workshop scheduled soon.

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

Motioned by Dralle second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:57 A.M. to March 3, 2026, 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 24, 2026.

Attest: Leslie Groen  
Butler County Auditor

Greg Barnett  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors