

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON January 11, 2022.**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Tom Heidenwirth and Greg Barnett present. Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve the minutes as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

During public comment, Eddy asked if anyone had public comment other than related to the agenda items. Kim Junker, New Hartford and Duane Degroote, Parkersburg, were present to comment on agenda items. There were no additional public comments made.

Quarterly reports were reviewed from the Auditor, Recorder, and Sherriff. No questions or comments made. Barnett made a motion to place the reports on file, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Auditor, Leslie Groen, outlined SF 615 regarding optional taxes for Emergency Medical Services. This was a preliminary discussion on what the tax entailed and how to begin the process. It was further explained that there are two ways to impose this tax, either through income or property tax. Barnett explained that the maximum tax amount would be 75 cents per thousand. Barnett asked board meeting attendees if they had any comment on the issue. A comment received addressed the fact that some communities would be paying double for similar services they already have. It was clarified that this process was to declare EMS in Butler County as an essential service. Eddy made a motion to begin the process and publications, second by Barnett. All ayes. Motion carried.

Eddy began the discussion about considering an objection letter to Iowa Utilities Board regarding carbon pipeline by opening the floor to those in attendance. Kim Junker, New Hartford, encouraged the board to send an objection letter. As the conversation discussed the possible use of eminent domain, Barnett explained the intent of eminent domain as being a benefit for the county and emphasized that the pipeline would not benefit the county. Further discussed was the affect that the pipeline would have on land owners and the farmland. Barnett noted that he was all for sending an objection letter and made a motion to draft an objection letter to Iowa Utilities Board, second by Heidenwirth. All ayes. Motion carried. County Attorney David Kuehner stated that he will begin the process of drafting an objection letter.

County Engineer, John Riherd, opened discussion about a potential impact to Grove Road near Shell Rock. because of improvements made to Bremer County 240<sup>th</sup> St. After explaining the location of the road and the difficulties of maintaining it, Riherd mentioned that the Bremer County Board of Supervisors would like to meet and discuss the project as Bremer County's 240<sup>th</sup> St. meets up with it on the west side of HWY 218. Barnett commented that Bremer County would have the majority of the work on this project. Barnett and Riherd planned to meet with Bremer County Board of Supervisors later the same day.

The board considered Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement 2022-C-057, which includes paved approaches along Hwy 57 from Ackley to Aplington. Barnett moved to approve a lump sum of \$31,377 for paving to assist IA DOT in the project, second by Eddy. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form Annual Update for Spain Finisher Farm, RIG 3 Bennezette #60134, and DCI Bennezette 2, #71200.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 AM to January 18, 2022 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 January 11, 2022.

Attest:

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Butler County Auditor

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors