

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON March 9, 2021.**

With social distancing guidelines being maintained at in-person meetings, an electronic participation option is made available. This complies with Iowa Code section 21.8 that outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is "impossible or impractical".

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Greg Barnett with members Rusty Eddy and Tom Heidenwirth present. Motioned by Eddy with change in agenda that Public Health Director Jennifer Becker would be absent and Leslie Groen will present her update, second by Barnett to approve the updated agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

No public comment received.

Time set for Public Hearing on FY22 Proposed Property Tax Levy. No taxpayers were present in person and no written comments were received. Fern Feldman, Allison, IA, present via Zoom, asked if the levy was going up this year and Barnett stated it was staying the same as FY21. Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Upon close of the Public Hearing, it was motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve said resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION #981**

**APPROVAL OF FY22 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY22 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county website, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 9, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY22 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services	\$4,539,097
Rural County Services	\$2,551,730

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY22 represents an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY21.

Upon Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows: Ayes: Tom Heidenwirth    Nays: None  
Greg Barnett  
Rusty Eddy

WHEREUPON the Resolution was passed and adopted the 9th day of March, 2021.

Greg Barnett,  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
Leslie Groen, Butler County Auditor

Time set for Public Hearing on the intent to fill the vacancy of Butler County Treasurer by appointment. Auditor Groen confirmed no written or oral comments received prior to the public meeting. Barnett confirmed Vicki Schoneman will be retiring on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the county has received Vicki's letter of resignation. Barnett confirmed it is the board intent to fill the vacancy with Roxanne Nicholas and Schoneman shared Nicolaus' experience with the board. With no additional public comment, motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Upon close of the Public Hearing, it was motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve said resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION #982**

**APPOINTMENT OF BUTLER COUNTY TREASURER**

WHEREAS, Butler County Treasurer Vicki Schoneman has formally announced her retirement from her elected position as of March 19, 2021; and WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors has chosen to appoint a County Treasurer in accordance with Code of Iowa Sections 69.8 and 69.14A(2); and

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors has caused a publication announcing its intent to appoint a County Treasurer and said public notice was published in the Butler County official newspapers per Code of Iowa Sections 69.14A(2) and 331.305; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa, that Roxanne Nicolaus, Allison, Iowa, be appointed to and duly sworn in as the Butler County Treasurer beginning March 22, 2021, until after the canvass of votes for either a petitioned Special Election to fill the vacancy or when the seat appears on the November 8, 2022, General Election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa, that the County Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue monthly paychecks on the General Fund, Office of Treasurer to Roxanne Nicolaus

as Butler County Treasurer at the rate previously set by the Board of Supervisors for said elected position starting on March 22, 2021.

The roll was called and the vote thereon was:            **AYES:** Rusty Eddy     **NAYS:** None  
  Greg Barnett  
  Tom Heidenwirth

**THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the motion was carried.

**WHEREUPON** the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 9th day of March, 2021.

**Greg Barnett**  
**Chair, Board of Supervisors**

**ATTEST:**  
**Leslie Groen, County Auditor**

Public Health Director, Jennifer Becker, was absent due to a vaccine clinic. Leslie Groen shared the COVID-19 case and vaccine updates for this week as provided by Jennifer Becker, which included 14 new cases, 3 recoveries, no deaths or hospitalizations and a 1.4% positivity rate. Becker’s updates also indicated the will be doing second dose shots at Clarksville School District, North Butler School District and Shell Rock building this week. In addition, Public Health has a boost clinic today, a prime clinic on Wednesday, and another clinic on Saturday for fireman and daycare providers. Butler County continues to receive 300 doses per week and Becker wanted it mentioned that they will move on to 65 and under individuals with health problems as soon as they can.

Board set March 30, 2021 at the 9:00 A.M. regular meeting as the date and time for a public hearing on the FY22 Proposed Budget.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to publish the notice of Public Hearing Proposed Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve the Application for Class C Liquor License with outdoor services and Sunday sales for CARD INC. Golf and Country DBA Clarksville Area Recreational Development. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Engineer, John Riherd, began local bid letting for project LFM-C012(T47 North)—7X-12 by providing a bidders’ list and confirming they have received four bids with some bidders in attendance. Riherd explained this bid letting is for 8 miles of T47 to Hwy 3 for widening shoulders for future resurfacing and Engineer’s Probable Cost was \$1,628,012.18. The following sealed bids were opened and reviewed: Cole Excavating, LLC, Greene, \$1,469,093.30; JB Holland Construction, Inc Decorah, \$1,488,629.75; Moyna, C.J. & Sons, LLC, Elkader, \$1,558,370.30; Peterson Contracting, Inc, Reinbeck, \$1,483,074.65. Riherd stated there will be a review of the bids for accuracy, but it appears Cole Excavating, LLC is the low bidder. Riherd asked to be put on next week’s agenda to award the contract. Comments were made regarding the tight bids and Riherd explained the work to be done provided opportunity to bid tighter with good prices.

Board canvassed the results of the March 2, 2021 Special Election with Elections Deputy, Mary Brouwer.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Short Form for Annual Updates for Winkowitsch Finisher Farm, Marton Butler Finisher Farm, Tjaden Finisher Farm, Roose South Finisher Farm, Kuper Finisher Farm, PHD Site 2 #62875, and Hummel #71448

IT Director, Sara Trepp, asked to explain what has recently transpired in our IT environment beginning with an emergency patch that was put on our Microsoft Exchange server last week within two hours of getting it. This week Trepp received a follow-up script to run over the server to make sure we were not compromised. Trepp explained yesterday, March 8, they were notified the script indicated we were compromised in the early hours of March 2, 2021. Trepp shared the steps taken to cutoff internet access to the Microsoft Exchange server and directed departments to review/print emails needed for the affected days. Trepp explained they worked into the late hours last night to get email and SWMail up and running again safely. Trepp shared the bad players had dropped a remote access variant on our server, but did not come back to use it and they won’t be able to now. Trepp stated Leslie Groen has notified our insurance company and spoken with legal counsel to setup a time to review the cybersecurity breach. Trepp mentioned she was thankful to work in Butler County because all departments were proactive and that there was nothing else we could have done because this was a Microsoft issue and she patched as soon as she could have. The board thanked Sara for her hard work getting the incident handled quickly and sharing the incident with them. Trepp explained she wanted everyone notified because this was a widespread issue that has also affected several large counties and will more than likely be in the media.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:44 A.M. to March 16, 2021 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 9, 2021.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Butler County Auditor

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors