

## **MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON August 10, 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. Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Dean Bowen, Shell Rock, IA, was present in-person to discuss trains blocking road crossings and citizens living in the area who are not able to get through. Bowen mentioned he could not get to work on one instance and is concerned someone may have a medical emergency and not be able to get through. Bowen explained if the trains block 4 crossings there are 6 residential homes that are blocked from getting out. Barnett explained he will check with County Attorney, Dave Kuehner, about the situation and follow-up with Bowen.

Time and place set for public hearing on the matter of the adoption of the proposed Amendment No. 7 to the Butler County Logistics Park Urban Renewal Plan. Motioned by Eddy, second by Barnett to open the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Barnett asked County Auditor, Leslie Groen, if she had received any oral or written comments, and the Auditor Groen reported that she has received no oral or written comments. County Engineer, John Riherd, provided the board with some bond information that will be utilized farther along in the bond issuance portion. Riherd reviewed Urban Renewal Amendment 7 in regards to the parcels being brought into the area, the eligible TIF dollars for the area, and the potential projects that could be funded with TIF dollars. Riherd also clarified that Midwest Arial is adding a hanger and potentially paving portions of a runway, which is why they are being added into the Urban Renewal Area at this time. Barnett then asked of the Director of Economic Development, or his delegate, with respect to the consultation and taxing entities to discuss the proposed amendment. Auditor Groen, shared the consultation meeting was held, the consultation report was provided to the board and there were no written or oral comments at the consultation meeting. Motioned by Eddy, second Barnett to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Barnett shared that we are unable to review/approve the Resolution for the adopting of Amendment 7 of the Butler County Logistics Park Urban Renewal Plan due to the delay of a joint agreement due the City of Parkersburg’s city council meeting schedule change. Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to defer action on the Resolution and propose a meeting to be held at 10: 00 A.M. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, at this place. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to table agenda item #4, as previously stated, to the August 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to table agenda item #5 to the August 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to table agenda item #6 to the August 11<sup>th</sup> special meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jeff Hart, Allison, IA, was present in-person to share his concerns with the progress with the excavating and widening of Sinclair Ave. Hart shared what he has seen with regards the process by which the dirt is being moved. Hart was also concerned with such a large stretch of road being blocked off for the amount of work actually being completed. Engineer Riherd explained why the road was closed this time vs. last year and he said they will take a look at what is going on in the area and communicate with Cole Excavating accordingly. Hart and Riherd also discussed some other county road work being done near Hart’s property and how that work will be completed.

Public Health Director, Jennifer Becker, provided an update to COVID-19 cases and vaccine clinics. Becker shared Iowa is seeing an increase in cases. In the entire month of July, the county had 37 cases, which was comparable to May and June; however, Butler County has now already had 41 cases in August, and that is through August 9<sup>th</sup>. Becker said she also has 5 additional positive cases today which results in a positivity rate is hanging around 10%. Becker also said our vaccination rate is at 48.2% and has been at that for some time but she said there has been some additional vaccine interest in the past week and Public Health is continuing to have vaccination clinics as they receive enough interest to setup a clinic without wasting vaccine. Heidenwirth asked if the county is aware of any breakthrough cases with each vaccine brand. Becker explained the state does not report to them which positive case were previously vaccinated. Becker explained she would have to look up each person individually to see if they had been vaccinated. Eddy asked where, in Butler County, people could still get vaccinated and Becker confirmed at Butler County Public Health, People’s Clinic in Clarksville, and Unity Point in Parkersburg also has vaccine. Eddy and Becker clarified that if residents wanted to get their children, under the age of 18, vaccinated it would have to be at People’s Clinic because they would need to get the Pfizer vaccine. Becker also mentioned out of county residents could get vaccinated at Walgreen’s and Hy-Vee. Discussions were held regarding people’s interest in getting vaccinated. Becker is also in the process of reaching out with the schools to discuss their options in the coming weeks and some guidance regarding the isolation of positive cases.

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

Motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:44 A.M. to the special meeting on August 11, 2021 at 10:00 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 August 10, 2021.

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

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors