

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rusty Eddy with members Rex Ackerman and Tom Heidenwirth present. Also present were Assessor Deb McWhirter, Engineer John Riherd, Zoning Administrator Mitch Nordmeyer, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, John Jensen, Eclipse News-Review, Greg Barnett, Plainfield, Iowa, Dean Bowens, Shell Rock, Iowa, Colby Elliott, Clarksville, Iowa, Jeff Reints, Shell Rock, Iowa, Tom Smidt, Greene, Iowa and Fern Myers, Allison, Iowa.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Board met with Tom Smidt, Smidt Crop Management for a report on the soil test at the County Farm. Smidt reported that the soil is favorable and has not changed much since the test in 2011.

Treasurer Vicki Schoneman petitioned the Board for Suspension of Taxes. Moved by Ackerman, second by Heidenwirth to suspend the taxes at 11908 Packard Avenue in Greene, Iowa. Motion carried.

Moved by Eddy, second by Ackerman to approve the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 871

WHEREAS, the Butler County Treasurer has deemed certain property taxes on a mobile home uncollectible, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed that a tax sale or personal judgment is impractical, and

WHEREAS, said mobile home is identified as follows:

1980 FAIR, Title No. 12-W102040, VIN Number 27018

BE IT RESOLVED that the Butler County Treasurer is hereby ordered to abate the total past due amounts and strike any amounts due from the county system as follows:

1. \$1,110.00 – Grand Total Mobile Home Property Taxes

Upon roll call the vote thereon was as follows

AYES: Tom Heidenwirth NAYS: None
 Rex Ackerman
 Rusty Eddy

WHEREUPON the resolution was adopted on this 22nd day of November, 2016

ATTEST: *Lizbeth Williams*, Auditor

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Ackerman to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION #67-17
HOLIDAYS-2017**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the following holidays be observed by the Butler County Courthouse to conform to the schedule as established by the State and Federal Governments. When the holiday is on a Saturday, it will be observed the day before and when it is on a Sunday, it will be observed the day following:

BUTLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE HOLIDAYS – 2017

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| 1. New Year's Day | Monday | January 2, 2017 |
| 2. Presidents' Day | Monday | February 20, 2017 |
| 3. Good Friday | Friday | April 14, 2017 |
| 4. Memorial Day | Monday | May 29, 2017 |
| 5. Independence Day | Tuesday | July 4, 2017 |
| 6. Labor Day | Monday | September 4, 2017 |
| 7. Veterans Day | Friday | November 10, 2017 |
| 8. Thanksgiving Day | Thursday | November 23, 2017 |
| 9. Day after Thanksgiving | Friday | November 24, 2017 |
| 10. Christmas Day | Monday | December 25, 2017 |

Upon Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tom Heidenwirth NAYS: None
 Rex Ackerman
 Rusty Eddy

WHEREUPON said Resolution was declared duly adopted this 22nd day of November, 2016.

ATTEST: *Lizbeth Williams*, County Auditor

Moved by Eddy, second by Ackerman to approve the Urban Renewal Report for 2016. Motion carried.

Board authorized Auditor to transfer \$13,688 from General Basic to Recorder's Records Management Fund.

Public comment: Dean Bowans, who lives south of Shell Rock, Iowa has concerns about the Iowa Northern trains that go to the Ethanol Plant blocking the crossings. "What will happen if there is a medical emergency or a fire?" Mr. Bowans calls the Sheriff, but there is no avenue for change when all they have to do is pay a ticket. He has seen the crossing blocked for up to 35 minutes. Zoning Administrator Mitch Nordmeyer will check Iowa Code to see how long the trains can block an intersection and will contact the Attorney General's Office for guidance and get back to Mr. Bowans.

Jeff Reints, Shell Rock, Iowa spoke to the Board regarding the controversy over the prospective poultry broiler building in Section 3 of Jackson Township. Joining him was builder Colby Elliott, Clarksville, Iowa from Georgia Poultry. "This will be built on my son's land with local investors." Mr. Reints went on to explain that there are a lot of misconceptions regarding the operation. "This is not a processing plant. It is a broiler production plant." The antibiotic free chickens raised there will be transported to a state-of-the-art poultry production plant in Charles City. Manure from the building will fertilize the ground that the 240 to 300 bushel of corn that is fed to the chickens is grown on. All of the DNR flood plain management rules have been followed. "All of the food will be sourced out of the Sinclair Elevator. This is a win, win for Butler County and the Cedar Valley," said Mr. Reints. Prairies Best will hire someone local to do the maintenance work. Mr. Reints continued "I certainly don't want to give our farming operation a bad name where the environment is concerned. The location is two times the set back that it needs to be from anyone's house. By law we are required to be 1250 feet. We are double that to the nearest home." Zoning Administrator Mitch Nordmeyer raised a concern about bird flu. Mr. Elliott explained that plans for that kind of situation exist. The buildings would go into lockdown. Special clothing and equipment is required for visitors to enter the buildings at all times." Assessor Deb McWhirter stated, "Historically the value of the property in proximity to confinement feeding operations does not see valuation change."

Board approved claims as submitted.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Update for JAART LLC #1

Moved by Eddy, second by Ackerman to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 A.M. to Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. 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 November 22, 2016.