

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON January 12, 2021.

With limited public access to the courthouse due to COVID-19, this meeting was held telephonically with the public able to participate on a limited basis. 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.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Eddy added that he confirmed with Chad Campbell that he is to be added to the Compensation Commission in Eminent Domain Proceedings Real Estate Agents/Brokers list. Moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve today’s agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment received. Barnett reminded the public there is an option to ‘raise their hand’ through Zoom if they would like to comment during an agenda item.

Due to Jennifer Becker not being available, moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to table Jennifer Becker’s agenda item to the following week. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mike Stirling was present on behalf of the Butler County Fair Board’s annual funding request. Stirling provided a copy of their financial statement and gave a quick update regarding continued work on the new multi-purpose building and updates made to the sheep and swine barn. Stirling confirmed they continue to plan for a normal 2021 fair. Barnett mentioned the fair board had requested and received \$22500 in 2020, and Stirling confirmed they are requesting \$22500 again for FY22.

Jim Lindaman with Butler Soil and Water Conservation Commission provided a copy of their report and newsletter and shared the staffing updates in the past year. Lindeman requested \$5000 for FY22 funding of their program and thanked the board for past funding.

Chris Showalter presented two estimates for glass windows at each counter. Showalter received estimates from Z&Z Glass in Iowa Falls, and Ramker Construction in Waverly. The Z&Z Glass estimate was \$8600 and provided sample pictures taken in the Hardin County Courthouse in Eldora. The Ramker Construction estimate was for \$14112 and pictures were taken in the Bremer County Courthouse in Waverly. Showalter explained the difference in the designs, products used and timeframes. Barnett commented that he would like all department heads to look at the pictures provided and consider the air flow issues they have been having. Barnett also mentioned he like to review the budget before making a decision and revisit the estimate in one week. Vicki Schoneman explained the air pressure being produced with the existing plexiglass inserts and Showalter said he would discuss that with Z&Z Glass before next week.

Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to set January 26, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for a public hearing on proposed FY21 County Budget Amendment. Barnett explained the proposed FY21 County Budget Amendment consists of existing Secondary Roads projects previously discussed in December and Conservation land acquisition that will be reimbursed with grant money. Mike Miner confirmed for Conservation a portion is for land acquisition and will be reimbursed from a grant and the other portion is to spend out of their equipment reserve account to buy some new equipment. Miner reiterated the money is already in the reserve accounts and they just need the authority to spend from those accounts. Moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to set January 26, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. for a public hearing on the proposed FY21 County Budget Amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board of Supervisors reviewed quarterly reports from Sheriff, Recorder, and Auditor with no additional questions.

After explanation from Barnett that Resolution #723-21 is used if a county chooses to use the master matrix to evaluate applications for construction permits for large animal confinement operations and that we do this every year, it was moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve the following:

RESOLUTION #723-21 CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2021 and January 31, 2022 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

