

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON February 16, 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. Moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

No public comment received.

Public Health Director Jennifer Becker shared there were 8 cases with 0 cases the past 2 days, 7 recoveries, no deaths or hospitalizations and a 3% positivity rate. Becker reported they have completed vaccinations in the North Butler District, Shell Rock school building and Clarksville School District. Aplington-Parkersburg will be completed Wednesday afternoon which will complete the first dose vaccinations of the school districts. Becker shared two additional vaccine clinics are scheduled this week including a first dose public clinic on February 19th and a boost clinic on February 20th. Heidenwirth asked about news stories regarding counties that were not going to receive allotment and Becker confirmed we do not have an issue getting rid of vaccine. Eddy asked how their call for volunteers has worked out. Becker would guesstimate they have had over 100 volunteers come forward to help with clinics and approximately 25 nurses who are able to administer shots.

Barnett explained through last week’s lengthy discussion and numerous motions to approve elected officials’ salaries that he did not specify non-elected, non-deputy employees or Sara Trepp salary increases. Motioned by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to approve a 3% increase for non-elected, non-deputy employees and Network Administrator Sara Trepp. Eddy voted nay. Motion carried.

Barnett confirmed County Attorney Dave Kuehner and Conservation Director Mike Miner have reviewed the 28E Agreement and reminded everyone there is no financial commitment to the join the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Authority. Motion by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to join the 28E Agreement on the Shell Rock Watershed Coalition. County Auditor Leslie Groen explained the Resolution #980 will authorize the Board Chairman to sign the 28E Agreement.

RESOLUTION #980

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE ON THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
CREATING THE SHELL ROCK RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

A Resolution Authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Sign and the County Auditor to Attest to an Agreement Between the Counties, the Cities, and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Establishing a Watershed Management Authority Within the Shell Rock River Watershed.

WHEREAS, two (2) or more political subdivisions, defined under Iowa Code Section 466B as including cities, counties and/or soil and water conservation districts, are enabled under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa to enter into agreements to cooperate for the mutual advantage of the governments involved; and

WHEREAS, the County of Butler deems a Watershed Management Authority agreement to be of mutual interest to the County and other parties to this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Butler County hereby authorizes the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign and the County Auditor to attest to the 28E Agreement between the Counties and the Cities and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts establishing the Shell Rock River Watershed Management Authority.

UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows: AYES:

NAYS:

Tom Heidenwirth
Greg Barnett
Rusty Eddy

WHERE UPON the Resolution was passed and approved this 16th day of February, 2021.

Greg Barnett
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Leslie Groen, County Auditor

Barnett explained appointing Mike Miner to the Shell Rock Watershed Management Authority Board would provide Miner the power to vote on behalf of the county on that board. Barnett also mentioned the county can also have an alternate listed and offered to be an alternate. Moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve Mike Miner to be the representative on the Shell Rock Watershed Management Authority Board and Greg Barnett be the alternate on that board. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board set March 9, 2021 at the 9:00 a.m. regular meeting as the date and time for a public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Board set March 9, 2021 at the 9:00 a.m. regular meeting as the date and time for a public hearing on the intent to fill the vacancy of the Butler County Treasurer position by appointment. Auditor Groen mentioned the public hearings would be scheduled at the top of the agenda.

Motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to accept the application for Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Services and Sunday Services for Beaver Meadows Golf & Country Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

Engineer John Riherd asked to revisit an item on a previous agenda in December that was tabled regarding the Sinclair Ave shoulder widening. Riherd explained the project details that changed the complications of the project. Riherd quoted a budget number of just under 2 million to complete the project and through a series of reimbursements this spring we will have enough money to fund this project by reducing the Butler Center portion of the project. Eddy asked and Riherd confirmed they could complete this year's construction without having to bond, but moving forward we would need to look at additional funding options. Riherd explained this year's project would finish the shouldering widening on Sinclair Ave and next construction season they would plan to resurface Sinclair Ave. Barnett requested to put this request on the following week's agenda and asked if a week would make a difference. Riherd confirmed a week would make a big difference. Barnett explained he would prefer to have some additional discussions as an agenda item. Eddy asked Riherd for a date he would need approval and Riherd provided additional explanation regarding the timing involved in getting the approval. Heidenwirth mentioned Groen wishes to schedule a budget work session meeting this week and suggested adding Riherd's request to that agenda. Barnett confirmed no formal action will be taken at this time and Riherd will be listed on the budget workshop meeting agenda.

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve claims. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for McCandless #2 Finisher Farm, Brad Finisher Farm, Quail Finisher Farm, Willekes Finisher and DCI Bennezette 2 #71200.

Discussions were held to schedule an additional meeting for a budget workshop. Groen explained the budget workshop is needed to review the budget and talk about what will need to be published this week. Groen mentioned she wasn't sure how conducive a workshop session would be for Zoom participants to hear room discussions and mentioned possibly doing an in-person meeting only. Sara Trepp mentioned she could easily set a new Zoom meeting and Barnett requested to still have the virtual Zoom meeting setup as an option. A budget workshop meeting was scheduled for 12:00 P.M. on February 17, 2021.

Moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:44 A.M. to February 23, 2021 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 February 16, 2021.

Attest: _____
Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors