

## **MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON MARCH 10, 2020.**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Heidenwirth with members Greg Barnett and Rusty Eddy present. Also present were Engineer John Riherd, Assessor Michele Shultz, Recorder Janice Jacobs, Sheriff Jason Johnson, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, Lori Peterson and Kayla Hinders, Clarksville, Iowa, Greg Asche, Larry Asche, Dan Bruns, Larry Luhring, Harlan Schuck, John Luhring, Parkersburg, Iowa, Kain Helmke, Bristow, Iowa, Chris Luhring, Allison, Iowa and Bethany Carson, Mid-America Publishing.

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

Time and place for a public hearing on proposed FY21 County Budget. Present were Engineer John Riherd, Assessor Michele Shultz, Recorder Janice Jacobs, Sheriff Jason Johnson, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, Lori Peterson and Kayla Hinders, Clarksville, Iowa, Greg Asche, Larry Asche, Dan Bruns, Larry Luhring, Harlan Schuck, John Luhring, Parkersburg, Iowa, Kain Helmke, Bristow, Iowa, Chris Luhring, Allison, Iowa and Bethany Carson, Mid-America Publishing. Auditor reported no written or oral comments received. Comments in the room were centered on the belief that taxes are going up 23% and that a climb in taxes is compromising growth not stimulating growth. Taxes are not going up 23%. General Services (a part of the budget) was a 23% increase. Taxes were set to go up \$1.15 per \$1,000 of valuation for urban and rural. They feel more public discussion is necessary and public has not been made aware, although the Budget was lawfully published. Assessor Shultz described how Ag Land values have dropped and why, and that there was an increase in residential value in Parkersburg. Due to the change in the rollback, tax increases for individuals will vary greatly. Supervisor Barnett explained that we have bond dollars to work on Union Avenue and have bond payments to make. There was a comment that they understand an increase, but why such a big increase? Engineer Riherd explained that one-third of the costs were getting Trinity Rail up and running. Economic Development costs money. The fact that self-funding for employee's insurance was added and bond payments to pay for said projects. Supervisor Heidenwirth explained that the levy hasn't been raised in ten years. Supervisor Eddy explained that lack of Managed Care payback to Public Health is costly, as well. Supervisor Barnett went on to explain that the dollars being spent are for the betterment of the County and will eventually bring in additional tax dollars that expands the tax base. That lowers taxes for everyone. At the close of the public hearing, it was moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to table budget approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board canvassed the results of the Special Election held March 3, 2020.

No public comment received.

Board approved claims as submitted with the exception of the State Auditor's invoice for Sheriff's special investigation for \$18,256.76.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for Winkowitsch Finisher Farm; McCandless 2 Finisher; Roose South Finisher Farm; Kuper Finisher Farm; Quail Finisher Farm; Brad Finisher Farm; Tjaden Finisher Farm; Norwood Site; Chris Fenneman; PHD Site 1 and PHD Site 2.

Moved by Eddy, second by Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 A.M. to Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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 March 10, 2020.