

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON April 13, 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 Barnett, 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, 1 recovery, no hospitalizations or deaths and a 2.0% positivity rate, which is up slightly. Becker shared the FDA and CDC both recommended to halt administering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Iowa Department of Health also notified to immediately stop vaccinating because there have been 6 rare blood clots out of 6.8 million doses administered but out of caution they are halting to research further. Butler County Public Health has postponed vaccination clinics for three manufacturers that were scheduled this week to administer approximately 200-250 Johnson & Johnson vaccine but those have been put on hold. Becker shared they still have a boost clinic and prime clinic scheduled this week with the Moderna vaccine. Becker explained last week they received 500 of Johnson & Johnson in addition to their normal weekly allocation of Moderna. Becker also shared they administered approximately 100 Johnson & Johnson vaccinations last week.

County Treasurer, Roxanne Nicolaus, provided the wage step proposal for a new employee working in Driver's License area. Nicolaus explained the wage step is related to training certifications acquired and not a timeline. Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to approve the Employee Wage Step Proposal. All ayes. Motion carried.

Riherd explained the Urban Renewal Area will need to be amended to include the new soy processing plant to make them eligible for the tax rebates that have been offered. Riherd also mentioned having a discussion regarding the current general obligation debt and the potential for additional general obligation debt for projects in the urban renewal area. Riherd explained some bond information and proposals have been provided through Speer Financial and shared some timelines involved. Riherd explained he provided Speer Financial with a number of \$4,000,000 of needs for secondary roads projects in the urban renewal area and potentially reserving funds to assist Butler Grundy Development Alliance with land studies, land acquisitions or marketing in the Urban Renewal Area. Riherd and Barnett discussed keeping the debt levy consistent over the next few years, reviewing existing bonds, and looking at refinancing options. Riherd mentioned the Speer Financial proposals include these considerations. The Board determined they would invite Maggie Burger from Speer Financial to attend a board meeting and review/discuss her proposals.

Riherd shared information regarding the location where Farmer's Telephone Company has requested to bury fiber optic. Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to approved the Utility Permit for Farmer's Telephone Company fiber option project. All ayes. Motioned carried.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for Schultz Finisher Farm.

Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 A.M. to April 20, 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 April 13, 2021.

Attest:

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Butler County Auditor

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors