

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2020.

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 Tom Heidenwirth with member Greg Barnett present and member Rusty Eddy was present telephonically.

Leslie Groen thanked the Supervisors for looking into the COVID-19 Reimbursement further. Supervisor Barnett claims he knew nothing about it, but thanked the public for informing him. John Zimmerman complained about the audio, saying he could not hear what Leslie Groen was saying at the previous meeting. Supervisor Barnett commented that there were changes in the guidelines for the reimbursement that Public Health was not aware of. Assistant County Attorney Dave Kuehner was granted an extension for the application until September 22, 2020.

Moved by Barnett, second by Heidenwirth to pass Resolution 966 for requesting Reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses as follows:

RESOLUTION #966

RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19 GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND

A resolution by the County of Butler to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa’s CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

WHEREAS, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Butler requests reimbursement of \$183,057.75 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Butler affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest. UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tom Heidenwirth
Rusty Eddy
Greg Barnett
NAYS: None

WHEREUPON the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 17th day of September 2020.

ATTEST: *Lizbeth Williams*, County Auditor

Supervisor Barnett asked if the Auditor’s Office could get this application completed. Auditor Williams’ office has already pulled the payroll files in anticipation and offered her office and Finance Deputy Mindy Pecha to complete the application.

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 P.M. to Tuesday, September 22, 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 September 17, 2020.