

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON May 11th, 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 Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Ted Junker, New Hartford, was present in-person and shared updates regarding wind farms in Grundy and Butler Counties. Grundy County passed a moratorium at their May 10th board meeting. Heidenwirth shared he had one person come to him in favor of the wind farms and pointed out there are two sides of this issue. Junker explained he represents a group who are against wind farms in Butler County and shared they have 447 signatures (130 online) and an updated map of 244 different parcels of Butler/Grundy county citizens against them. Junker also shared he has been informed the company in the area is pulling out of Grundy County due to opposition. Barnett, Eddy and Heidenwirth all confirmed the board intends to move forward with a moratorium and holding a public hearing prior to putting it to a vote. Randy Williamson, Parkersburg, was present in-person with comments against wind farms and he felt the Butler County board minutes were well done.

Public Health Director, Jennifer Becker, provided the following COVID-19 Updates: 16 new cases, 7 recoveries, 1 hospitalization, no deaths and a 2.3% positivity rate. Becker explained they have a full boost clinic scheduled for today, but public interest is dwindling each week. New clinic interest is dwindling and Public Health has not taken Moderna doses for the past two weeks. Public Health is thinking about doing walk-in clinics for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine due to current volume and not filling clinic time slots. Becker shared that 39.5% of Butler County’s eligible population has been vaccinated and the goal is 70%. Becker explained there are Moderna trials for children age 12 to 18 and that could be coming up in the next few weeks.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Chris Showalter explained there will be upgrades to the statewide alert system that our county uses for local alerts too. Anyone who is currently signed up for the Alert Iowa system, will still need to sign up for the new system through a website or using an app on a smart phone. There will be a press release this week with details on the county website.

Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to approve the Together 4 Families-Decatergorization and Community Partnership for Protecting Children Coordination Contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve the Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Scope of Engagement to prepare an Urban Renewal Amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Auditor, Leslie Groen, provided the list of individuals considered for the Temporary Redistricting Commission including: Amy Swanson, Parkersburg, Holly Fokkena, Clarksville and Pat Vickers, Greene. Ron Pebbles, Parkersburg has been nominated by the Butler County Democratic Central Committee, and the Board will appoint two individuals. Barnett nominated Holly Fokkena who received the following votes: Ayes-Heidenwirth and Barnett Nays – Eddy, resulting in Fokkena being appointed. Eddy nominated Pat Vickers, Greene, who received the following votes: Ayes – Heidenwirth, Barnett, and Eddy, Nays-None resulting in Vickers being appointed. Groen read the following:

**RESOLUTION #985
TEMPORARY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Commerce conducts the United States Census every ten years;

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.210A states that a Temporary County Redistricting Commission shall be established to adopt the County’s precinct boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following named individuals shall be appointed to the Butler County Temporary Redistricting Commission:

Ron Pebbles, Parkersburg IA
Clarksville IA
Pat Vickers, Greene IA

Holly Fokkena,

UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows: AYES: Tom Heidenwirth NAYS: None
Greg Barnett
Rusty Eddy

WHEREUPON the Resolution was declared duly adopted this 11th day of May, 2021.

Greg Barnett
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Leslie Groen, County Auditor

Moved by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve the utility permit for IRUA – water service line to 30340 220th St (Shell Rock Soy Processors). All ayes. Motion carried.

Board set May 25, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. as the date and time for a public hearing on proposed FY21 County Budget Amendment. Groen explained the amendment was for \$40,000 to Public Health for medical supplies and

overtime and \$3000 for Zoning additional profession fees. Barnett explained Public Health will be reimbursed with CARES Act funds, but the budget still needs to be amended for the additional expenditures.

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

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Short Form Annual Updates for Johnson Swine LLC #65937 and Henry Finisher Farm #71513

Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Barnett to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:35 A.M. to May 18, 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 May 11, 2021.

Attest: _____
Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors