

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL TOWNHALL MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON March 14, 2022.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Board member Greg Barnett with Tom Heidenwirth present. Rusty Eddy joined the meeting at 6:20 P.M.

Barnett reviewed Iowa Code Chapter 422D regarding the timeline involved for public hearings, establishing an advisory council, and the council providing a plan to the Board in order to approve and place funding on a ballot. Barnett also reviewed tax funding options, provided a few property tax examples and explained it would be difficult to have a plan ready to put on the November 2022 ballot. He also explained a new web page has been setup dedicated to EMS Essential Service information.

Eddy opened the floor to public questions and comments. Several Butler County community EMT services were in attendance and questions included Butler County call volumes, current Butler County community EMT crew numbers and paid paramedic examples were shared from surrounding counties. Kip Ladage, Bremer County Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke of Bremer County's progress and vision to establish a regional EMS service or agreement.

Additional discussions included who should make-up the advisory council, considerations regarding no county hospital, yet area hospitals located on each Butler County border, and current, inaccurate public perceptions that additional EMS options are not needed.

Barnett reiterated more information will be added to the EMS webpage as it becomes available. Public comments included thanking the Board for the evening meeting and that open communication is the best option to get things accomplished. Eddy thanked everyone for coming and made a motion, seconded by Heidenwirth to adjourn the special townhall meeting at 7:26 P.M.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a special adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Butler County, Iowa on March 14, 2022.

Attest: _____
Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors