

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON November 16, 2021.

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 Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to approve the minutes as read. All ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment received.

Roger Kregel, Dumont Telephone Company, was present to discuss a fiber optic project for which he is applying for a state grant. The project would provide 100 MB service to underserved areas of Butler County. Kregel provided the Board with a broadband map and pages from the state application that included and cost estimates of the project that totaled \$16.6 million dollars and currently calculated as \$10,802 per location. Kregel shared Butler County's portion of the grant affects 869 locations of the 1533 total locations. Kregel explained the grant application scoring considers local government support and provided documentation that the County's ARPA funds could be used to support the project. Kregel also mentioned he discussed the project with the Franklin County Board of Supervisors on Monday, November 15th. Barnett explained the process the County established for the ARPA funds, including an application process and the committee established to review application after December 31, 2021. After additional discussions regarding the timing of the application and the Board ultimately being responsible for the allocation of ARPA funds, it was motioned by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to award \$200,000 of APRA funds toward Dumont Telephone's grant application to expand broadband to underserved rural areas and possibly offset residential connection costs. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to approved Family Farm Tax Credit applications. All ayes. Motion carried.

IT Director, Sara Trepp, explained the Access Systems printer lease agreement, some features of the new printers and confirmed there is no price increase for the new lease. Motioned by Barnett, second by Eddy to approve the Access Systems printer lease agreement and authorize the chairperson to sign the lease agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board canvassed the 2nd tier results of the November 2, 2021 City/School Election with Elections Deputies Mary Brouwer and Matt Wilken.

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

Motioned by Heidenwirth second by Eddy to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:58 A.M. to November 23, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. All ayes. 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 November 16, 2021.

Attest:

Butler County Auditor

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors