

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2014.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rex Ackerman with members Tom Heidenwirth and Mark V. Reiher present. Also present were Recorder Janice Jacobs, Deputy Auditor Mary Brouwer and Fern Myers.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

Board reviewed Precinct Election Official wages. Also present were Engineer John Riherd, Treasurer Vicki Schoneman, Assessor Deb McWhirter, Sheriff Jason Johnson and Jim Willis, The Accel Group. Moved by Ackerman, second by Reiher to increase the Precinct Election Official's hourly pay, effective immediately, from \$7.25 to \$8.25 for regular poll workers, \$10.25 for the chairperson and \$20.00 for trainings. Motion carried.

Board met with Jim Willis, The Accel Group to review Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield renewal contract for 2015 employee health insurance. Also present was HR/Finance Deputy Mindy Pecha. Following discussion, it was moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to accept renewal contract from Wellmark as proposed. Motion carried.

Board met with Anne Plagge and Andrea DeGroot from Crisis Intervention Service for a program update and a request to sign a proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to authorize chair to sign said proclamation. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, home should be a place of warmth, unconditional love, tranquility & security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings. Tragically, for many community members, these blessings are tarnished by violence and fear; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is more than an occasional family dispute. It is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ethnicities, ages, mental or physical abilities, socioeconomic status, religious backgrounds and genders; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, 241 adults & children have been killed in the state of Iowa as a result of domestic violence since 1995.

WHEREAS, children who grow up in violent homes are abused and neglected at a higher rate than the national average and more than 4 million children in the United States are at risk for witnessing domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation over \$5 billion annually in medical expenses, law enforcement and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism and reduced worker productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will bring an end to this epidemic of crime and violence and we, as a community, must address the problem of domestic violence in our homes and neighborhoods every day of the year; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of organizations has emerged to directly confront this crisis. Law enforcement officials, victim service programs, health care providers, the faith community and other concerned citizens are helping in the effort to end domestic violence. We must recognize the compassion & dedication of these volunteers & professionals applaud their efforts and increase public understanding of this importance social problem.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rex Ackerman, Chairman of the Butler County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of October 2014 as **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all citizens of Butler County to observe this month by becoming aware of the tragedy of domestic violence, supporting those who are working toward its end and participating in community efforts.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2014.

Board met with Sheriff Jason Johnson to consider staff changes at the Sheriff's Office. Following discussion it was moved by Ackerman, second by Heidenwirth to authorize Sheriff to make necessary changes as requested. Motion carried.

Board discussed review of insurance claims. Also present was Deputy Treasurer Roxanne Nicolaus. Auditor will become insurance contact and forward claims to Board for review.

Board met with Treasurer Vicki Schoneman and Deputy Treasurer Roxanne Nicolaus regarding expansion of Driver's License services offered to county residents. Treasurer will consider request.

Board approved claims as submitted.

Chairman Ackerman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M. to Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

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 October 14, 2014.