

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2015.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Tom Heidenwirth with members Rex Ackerman and Rusty Eddy present. Also present was Sheriff Jason Johnson.

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

Board met with Domestic Abuse Advocates Sergio Marin, Anne Plagge and Andrea DeGroot from Crisis Intervention Services for a program update and request to support a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Also present was Engineer John Riherd. Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Ackerman 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, over 264 adults & children have been killed in the state of Iowa as a result of domestic violence since 1995, and Crisis Intervention Service provided assistance to 39 victims of domestic violence in Butler County in 2014; and

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, Tom Heidenwirth, Chairman of the Butler County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 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 the 13th day of October 2015.

Board reviewed the Quarterly Report of the Recorder and ordered it placed on file.

Board considered Resolution Committing Financial Support to Diamonds and Fields Project. Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Eddy to rescind the \$2,000 approved funding request of August 11, 2015 and approve Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 845

RESOLUTION OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE DIAMONDS AND FIELDS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF PARKERSBURG

WHEREAS, the Butler County Board of Supervisors support the development of a grant application for Community Attraction and Tourism funds to help support the development of the Diamonds and Fields Project, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have been made aware that the projected total cost of the project is \$1,454,946, and that Diamonds and Fields is applying for Community Attraction and Tourism funds through the Iowa Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$290,911.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors, that they support the project and herewith commit 10%, not to exceed \$7,500, to the Diamonds and Fields Project, subject to receipt of funding by the CAT grant program.

UPON Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

AYES: Tom Heidenwirth **NAYS:** None
Rusty Eddy
Rex Ackerman

WHEREUPON the Resolution was declared duly adopted on this 13th day of October, 2015.

ATTEST: *Lizbeth Williams*, County Auditor

Board approved claims as submitted.

Moved by Eddy, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 A.M. to Tuesday, October 20, 2015 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 October 13, 2015.