

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2011.**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Karl Nelson with members Mark Reiher and Tom Heidenwirth present. Also present was John Wessels.

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

The Board met to discuss the possible termination of a Farm Lease for 281 acres located in Sections 27 & 33 Jackson Township currently leased to John & Lisa Wessels, Allison, Iowa. John Wessels reported his efforts over the years to maintain the fertility of the soil; follow a soil conservation plan; remove rock; and maintain the waterways. He asked the Board take those things into consideration when making their decision on termination of the lease. A motion was made by Heidenwirth to NOT terminate the lease at this time. Further discussion ensued in which Heidenwirth stated he did feel that the farm should come up for bid occasionally to allow others the opportunity to farm it. Reiher agreed that fairness dictated the lease come up for bid periodically. All members of the Board did indicate they were pleased with Wessels' farming practices and the current landlord/tenant relationship. Nelson then seconded Heidenwirth's earlier motion.

Upon a roll call vote thereon to NOT terminate the present farm lease:

AYES: Heidenwirth                      NAYS: Reiher  
Nelson

The Motion carried and the current Farm Lease shall not be terminated at this time and shall remain in effect until either party elects to terminate as per the terms of the Lease.

The Board further directed the County Auditor to place two items on the calendar for 2012 – 1) February – discuss need for updated soil survey to be performed 2) July – begin discussion as to whether or not lease should be terminated prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn to Tuesday, September 6, 2011 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 August 31, 2011.