

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2011.**

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Chairman Karl Nelson with members Mark Reiher and Tom Heidenwirth present. Also present was Fern Myers, Allison, Iowa.

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

Moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to approve Resolution Establishing 2012 County Holidays as follows:

**RESOLUTION #67-12  
HOLIDAYS-2012**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Butler County Board of Supervisors that the following holidays be observed by the Butler County Courthouse to conform to the schedule as established by the State and Federal Governments. When the holiday is on a Saturday, it will be observed the day before and when it is on a Sunday, it will be observed the day following:

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| 1.  | New Year's Day Holiday                               | Monday    | January 2, 2012   |
| 2.  | Presidents' Day                                      | Monday    | February 20, 2012 |
| 3.  | Memorial Day   | Monday    | May 28, 2012      |
| 4.  | Independence Day                                     | Wednesday | July 4, 2012      |
| 5.  | Labor Day  | Monday    | September 3, 2012 |
| 6.  | Veterans' Day  | Monday    | November 12, 2012 |
| 7.  | Thanksgiving Day                                     | Thursday  | November 22, 2012 |
| 8.  | Day after Thanksgiving                               | Friday    | November 23, 2012 |
| 9.  | Christmas Eve Holiday                                | Monday    | December 24, 2012 |
| 10. | Christmas Day  | Tuesday   | December 25, 2012 |
| 11. | Personal Day (must be used within the calendar year) |           |                   |

Upon Roll Call the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Mark Reiher                      Nays: None  
Tom Heidenwirth  
Karl Nelson

WHEREUPON said Resolution was declared duly adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

ATTEST: *Holly A. Fokkena*, County Auditor

Board met with EMA Coordinator Mitch Nordmeyer, Sheriff Jason Johnson, Engineer John Riherd and Assessor Deb McWhirter to discuss Weed Commissioner and Zoning Administrator positions. Heidenwirth reported he had spoken to Conservation Director Steve Brunnsma about the upcoming vacancy in the Weed Commissioner position due to a retirement. He indicated that Brunnsma was willing to keep the position in the Conservation Department and would write the duties into the job description for any new hire.

Riherd stated he continued to be opposed to keeping the Zoning Administrator position in the Secondary Roads Department and requested the Board consider placing the position in another department. He further reported options to fill the position may be to share with another county or investigate contracting with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments. Heidenwirth asked Nordmeyer if he felt the position could be incorporated into his department. Nordmeyer indicated he felt he should continue as a full-time EMA Director and not take on additional responsibilities. However, he did indicate he was willing to assume the position if that was the Boards' decision and further acknowledged the likelihood his department faced potential cuts in state and federal funding. After much discussion, the Board asked Nordmeyer to accept the additional duties of Zoning Administrator. Nordmeyer accepted with the understanding that if it consumed too much of his time and was detrimental to the Emergency Management Agency, the Board would revisit the issue. Additional compensation for said duties to be determined December 6, 2011.

Board acknowledged receipt of Manure Management Plan Annual Updates for JAART 1; Freedom Farm; Parker Finisher Farm; Luebbers Finisher Farm; Hosch Finisher Farm; Steere East Finisher Farm; Asche West Finisher Farm; and Allan Finisher Farm.

Board met with Engineer John Riherd regarding closing out of the Greene Dam project. Riherd reported \$189,004.35 is owed to McClain & Company for the completion of the project. The Board indicated they were in agreement with making the final payment to McClain & Company, but requested Riherd continue to negotiate with Howard R. Green Company, Project Engineer, to reduce their fees.

Renee Von Bokern was present.

At 1:40 p.m. it was moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to go into closed session to discuss bargaining position. Motion carried.

Moved by Heidenwirth, second by Reiher to return to open session at 1:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Board received initial bargaining position from International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234. Present for the union were Don Duehr, Rick Swarts, Daniel Christiansen, Ryan Behnke, and Dwight Peterson.

Board presented their initial bargaining position to International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234. Present for the County were Renee Von Bokern, County Engineer John Riherd, and Supervisors Heidenwirth, Nelson and Reiher.

Moved by Reiher, second by Heidenwirth to adjourn to Tuesday, December 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 November 22, 2011.