



# BUCHANAN COUNTY COMMISSION

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## Meeting Minutes Monday, October 23, 2023

In attendance were Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Commissioner Ron Hook, Commissioner Scott Burnham, Auditor Tara Horn, and Administrative Coordinator Amy Hesel

Commissioner Hook called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

## Meeting Agenda

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve today's agenda. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion.

## Meeting Minutes

Presiding Commissioner Nelson made a motion to approve meeting minutes for Thursday, October 19, 2023, and Friday, October 20, 2023. Commissioner Hook seconded the motion.

## Business

A discussion on travel allowance and per diem rates took place. The Commissioners were looking at increasing lunch by \$5.00 and dinner \$1.00. Auditor Tara Horn stated she disagrees with paying for in-town lunches and raising the lunch and dinner per diem. She provided the Commissioners with the General Services Administration FY 2024 Per Diem Breakdown. She added that we currently follow these rates. Tara also stated that Commissioners should check ethics for Office Holders accepting lunches from vendors and everyone should follow the rules of the handbook or amend the policy on in town expenses. Commissioner Burnham recommended keeping rates the same as the government. Presiding Commissioner Nelson would like to add incidentals to the handbook policy, which will be on a court order later this week. No court order was signed to amend the lunch and dinner allowance. Tara Horn left the meeting at 9:20 am.

Court orders to transfer funds were presented and approved by Commissioner Hook, Presiding Commissioner Nelson, and Commissioner Burnham.

A court order approving 2024 renewal rates for employer and employee premiums with CAGNA was presented and approved by Presiding Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Burnham, and Commissioner Hook.

Progressive Community Services Director Heather Weddle joined the meeting to go over her quarterly review. Heather provided handouts and gave a recap of the last 3 months. There are 3 board members expiring in December of 2023. Commissioners will follow up on re-appointing. She left the meeting at 10:00 am.

## Adjourn

With no further official business on the agenda Commissioner Hook made a motion to adjourn to any unofficial business that may develop during the day. Commissioner Burnham seconded the motion. All are in favor of adjourning. The meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

## Budget Meeting October 23, 2023 at 10:00 am

### Prosecuting Attorney

Attendance: Auditor Tara Horn, Commissioner Ron Hook, Commissioner Scott Burnham, Presiding Commissioner Scott Nelson, Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Davidson, and Assistant Attorney Kristina Zeit

A discussion on 2024 budget for Prosecuting Attorney's office. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

**United Fiber**

**Monday October 23, 2023, at 1:00pm**

Attendance: Commissioner Hook, Commissioner Burnham, Administrative Coordinator Amy Helsel, 11<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Brenda Shields, and with United Fiber Daren Farnan and Ken Smith.

A meeting took place to discuss areas still in need for broadband. All discussed the "sandwich area" also known as Buchanan County Fill in #1, will be a total of \$1.86 million, our portion will be \$930,000. Also, Lewis & Clark Village, sugar lake total will be \$655,00, our portion will be \$330,000. Darren mentioned some areas are "fill in" and wont be any cost. A discussion about Lake Contrary and County Line Road. Ken will be looking at any missing places without service and getting back to us. The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.