

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Marc Murphy, Commissioner Ed Myers, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Chelsea Noel.

INVOCATION

Pastor Wade Graber, First Baptist Church, El Dorado, presented the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from Tuesday, February 6, 2018 as written. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:03:51)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(00:04:00)

ITEM #1 – SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 2018 SYMPHONY IN THE FLINT HILLS

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, came before the Board for approval of a special event permit for the 2018 Symphony in the Flint Hills. The event is set to be held on June 9th, with an alternative date of June 10th in the event of rain. Mr. Alfaro noted when the event was held in Butler County in 2014 it was a success with no incidents. The County will be donating \$5,000 to help make the event a success.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the Special Event permit for the 2018 Symphony in the Flint Hills. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:07:18)

ITEM #2 – OPPORTUNITY ZONE CENSUS TRACT DESIGNATION

Ryan Adkison, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board requesting the Chairman sign a letter to the Kansas Department of Commerce requesting the Governor designate three census (*amended on February 20, 2018 to correct the spelling to, “tracts”*) in Butler County as opportunity zones under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017- Public Law 115-97. Mr. Adkison stated that one of the hidden nuggets in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 was the creation of a new program designating so-called Opportunity Zones (OZ). The intent of the legislation, much like New Markets Tax Credits, is to incentivize private investment in low-income communities. Staff felt there was no downside or obligation to the County in being designated as an OZ and any designations we receive could be a useful tool in our economic development efforts and that of our cities.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Kansas Department of Commerce requesting the governor designate three census (amended on

February 20, 2018 to correct the spelling to, “tracts”) in Butler County as opportunity zones under the (amended on February 20, 2018 to capitalize, “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017”)- Public Law 115-97. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #3 – AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911)

Chris Davis, Emergency Communications Director, came before the Board for approval of an amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for NG911. The amendment states that the training standards would be removed from the MOA. On June 6, 2017 Butler County Emergency Communications entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Kansas 9-1-1 Coordinating Council for participation in the statewide NG911 system. The Kansas 9-1-1 Coordinating Council recently drafted a bill that would expand their authority; this bill was opposed by several organizations to include the Kansas Sheriff’s Association (KSA) and the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police (KSACP). Commissioner Woydziak had concerns with the amendment and also concerns that are GIS related. Commissioner Myers felt unsure if the Board should take action on the amendment until the bill is finalized and he stated he did not like the direction of the amendment. The Board came to the consensus to table the item until staff brings back more information with a drafted letter with new language.

Commissioner Myers motioned to table the amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Kansas 9-1-1 Coordinating Council for participation in the State-Wide NG9-1-1 system until staff brings back more information and a drafted letter. Commission Chairman Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #4 – KANSAS GOVERNORS ONE-SHOT TURKEY HUNT FUNDING

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of the annual appropriation to the One-Shot Turkey Hunt in the amount of \$5,000 for sponsorship of portfolio. The Commissioners have funded this request since 2007. Janet Post, Executive Director of the One-Shot Turkey Hunt, approached the Board to explain the event and stated it is a key tourist activity in Butler County. Ms. Post also noted this would be the 32nd year of the event.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve funding of \$5,000 to the Kansas Governor’s One Shot Turkey Hunt to be paid from the Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:47:17)

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve vouchers for February 13, 2018 in the amount of \$388,443.20. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:50:16)

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2676 dated February 13, 2018; Adds in the amount of \$2,947.06 and Abates in the amount of \$15,194.96. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Myers stated for the first time since 1970, daily oil production in the United States has exceeded 10 million barrels per day and that it is a major change in global economic complexion.

Commissioner Myers shared a lifecycle cost analysis of police fleet vehicles with the Board relating to their discussion last week to replace the Sheriff's Office vehicles.

Commissioner Woydziak discussed traffic accidents and fatalities on Highway 254 and Highway 235 and stated improvement projects need to be made as an effort to decrease the amount of accidents along these highways. Commissioner Woydziak stated Federal assistance is needed to make these projects happen.

Administrator Johnson noted the Farm Bureau dinner will be held Tuesday, March 13th.

The Farm to Fork dinner is tentatively scheduled for July 12th.

(01:14:06)

ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:13 a.m.
Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*