

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 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**

Dr. Tim Mace, Emmaus Mennonite Church, Whitewater, presented the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from Tuesday, May 1, 2018 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Commission Chairman Woydziak abstained due to his absence last week.*

(00:01:57)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ruth Fechter, Butler County Treasurer, came before the Board and announced her retirement as Butler County Treasurer as of July 14, 2018. Mrs. Fechter stated she sent a letter notifying the Republican Party Committee of her retirement. Mrs. Fechter requested an audit upon her departure.

(00:05:05)

**ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION - SHERIFF VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FOR 2018**

Tony Wilhite, Butler County Undersheriff, came before the Board for approval to purchase 13 Dodge Charger patrol vehicles from Davis Moore, Wichita, in the amount of \$23,300 for each vehicle. Mr. Wilhite stated the Sheriff's Office has purchased Dodge patrol vehicles since 2010 and they have proven to be reliable. In February 2018, the Board tabled this purchase until the Detention Facility started to bring in more revenue. Mr. Wilhite stated the last day to order the vehicles at this price from Davis Moore is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilhite presented the Board with a list of the current mileage on the 13 vehicles scheduled for replacement. Commissioner Myers inquired about maintenance cost throughout the lifetime of the vehicles. Commissioner Myers stated he could support purchasing 10 of the listed vehicles. The Board came to the consensus to purchase 12 of the 13 vehicles scheduled for replacement. Commissioner Wheeler commended the Sheriff on the current inmate count at the Detention Facility. Sheriff Herzet informed the Board that the Detention Facility is currently 12 deputies short. Sheriff Herzet also informed the Board that the old Retreat, located east of El Dorado, is in the process of re-opening as The Show Boat. It will be a night club that serves food and alcohol. Sheriff Herzet stated it is scheduled to open the second week of June. No action was taken.

(00:59:12)

**RECESS**

Commission Chairman Woydziak recessed the meeting of the Board at 9:59 a.m. for 5 minutes.

Commission Chairman Woydziak reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

(00:59:15)

**ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – DRIVERS LICENSE AND OTHER COUNTY FUNCTION UPDATES**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the changes to the Driver's License Department and other County function updates. Administrator Johnson stated the State is in the process of preparing contracts to transfer driver's license from the Treasurer's Office to the Clerk's Office. Administrator Johnson stated the State is going to come to the courthouse and train the Clerk's Office employees on the functions of the driver's license system and one new employee will be hired to work in the office full time.

Ruth Fechter, County Treasurer, came before the Board and stated she realizes how important driver's license is and she is grateful that the Clerk's Office is taking over driver's license. However, she stated she was never informed that the Clerk's Office was taking over the service. Mrs. Fechter felt the Commissioners and Administrator Johnson did not accommodate to her needs. Administrator Johnson stated he made multiple attempts to help Mrs. Fechter re-open the service but she was adamant she did not have the resources or the expertise to continue.

Commissioners Masterson, Murphy and Woydziak stated the Board had to go in a different direction because the Treasurer was unable and unwilling to continue the services. Commission Chairman Woydziak stated the decision has been made to continue driver's license through the Clerk's Office.

Administrator Johnson stated a cease and desist letter was sent to the owners of the rock quarry located on SW 30<sup>th</sup> for being non-compliant.

Administrator Johnson stated he is in the process of notifying Integrated Plastic Solutions to hold a Public Hearing for the possible revocation of their CUP.

Commission Chairman Woydziak stated he attended the Kansas County Commissioners Association meeting last week and noted other counties with community colleges would like to discuss fair funding as it is not a one-county issue.

The Board discussed different locations to host Quad Counties.

Ruth Fechter, Butler County Treasurer, came before the Board and stated she listened to the audio from the meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> and stated she never used the words temporary or permanent while discussing driver's license and did not want the Commissioners to mix up her words. No action was taken.

(01:45:21)

**VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve vouchers for May 8, 2018 in the amount of \$253,047.98. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

(01:46:30)

**COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES**

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2687 dated May 8, 2018; Adds in the amount of \$86.90 and Abates in the amount of \$5,876.48. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

(01:46:50)

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

Commissioner Wheeler requested a work session to discuss jail fees and also a work session to discuss the upcoming changes to cereal malt beverages.

Commissioner Wheeler stated he attended the volunteer appreciation dinner for Butler County CERT. Commissioner Wheeler expressed his appreciation to the CERT volunteers.

Commissioner Wheeler stated he attended the annual Spring Fling Senior Resource Fair last Wednesday and noted the event is a great resource for Butler County citizens.

Commissioner Myers stated he attended Spring Fling also.

Commissioner Myers stated today is Victory in Europe Day, the day WWII officially ended in the European theatre.

Commissioner Myers gave the Board a handout of graphs that included the average daily revenue required for the rest of the year in order to balance the jail budget, average daily revenue to date, 2018 jail deficit to date, projected 2018 deficit based on revenue to date, and daily revenue bins for 2018.

Commission Chairman Woydziak stated he received new information regarding the Kansas Open Meetings Act at the Kansas County Commissioners Association meeting last week.

Commissioner Murphy stated he plans to attend the Law Enforcement Breakfast tomorrow at the Augusta High School.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commission Chairman Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*