

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, February 12, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Randy Waldorf called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m., late start due to REAP. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Reporter Paula Stoskopf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Tuesday, January 30, 2007 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 - PRESENT BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF DETECTIVE PATRICK LIGHT WITH A SPOTLIGHT AWARD CERTIFICATE AND GIFT CERTIFICATE TO A LOCAL MERCHANT FOR HIS INVESTIGATION INTO NUMEROUS FELONY CRIMES IN BUTLER COUNTY

William H. Johnson, Jr., County Administrator, came before the Board to present Butler County Sheriff's Detective Patrick Light, Sheriff's Department, with the Spotlight Award and Gift Certificate. He stated that the Citizens of Butler County can be proud to have an officer like Detective Patrick Light who is willing to go the extra mile and do what it takes to get the job done. Chairman Randy Waldorf presented Detective Light with the Spotlight Award and \$20 Gift Certificate. Detective Light has also received the Certificate of Merit and accompanying bar from Sheriff Craig Murphy.

ITEM #2 – PRESENT BUTLER COUNTY RESERVE DEPUTY PATRICK MCMURPHY WITH A SPOTLIGHT AWARD CERTIFICATE AND GIFT CERTIFICATE TO A LOCAL MERCHANT FOR HIS INVESTIGATION INTO SEVERAL RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES IN SOUTHWEST BUTLER COUNTY

William H. Johnson, Jr., County Administrator, came before the Board to present Butler County Reserve Deputy Patrick McMurphy, Sheriff's Department, with the Spotlight Award and Gift Certificate. Mr. Johnson noted that the Citizens of Butler County can be proud to have an officer like Deputy Patrick McMurphy who is willing to go the extra mile especially considering that Deputy McMurphy is a Reserve Deputy and receives no monetary compensation for his services. Chairman Randy Waldorf presented Reserve Deputy McMurphy with the Spotlight Award and \$20 Gift Certificate. Reserve Deputy McMurphy has also received the Certificate of Merit and accompanying bar from Sheriff Craig Murphy.

Administrator Johnson thanked the fellow peers from the Sheriff's Department for coming to recognize their fellow officers. Commissioner Waldorf commended both Detective Light and Reserve Deputy McMurphy for going above and beyond their call of duty.

ITEM #3 – RECEIVE SCOT LOYD, SWINDOLL, JANZEN, HAWK & LOYD, LLC, TO PRESENT THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS

Ruth Fechter, Butler County Treasurer, introduced Scot Loyd of Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC. Scot Loyd came before the Board to present the Organizational Analysis prepared for the

Butler County Treasurer's office. The manual prepared gives the detailed process of each function and employee of this office and will be beneficial in setting controls in place and monitoring statutory compliances. Ruth Fechter requested this analysis be done when she took office to enable her to learn the functions of her office and of each employee. It has been very beneficial and will also be an excellent training tool for new employees in the future. The cost of this analysis was \$7,500. Administrator Johnson will be working with Mr. Loyd to see if there would be any benefit of having this procedure done with other offices within the County.

ITEM #4 – RECEIVE RILEY WALTERS TO PRESENT THE NOXIOUS WEED ANNUAL REPORT AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Riley Walters, Director of Butler County Noxious Weed Department, came before the Board for approval of the Butler County Noxious Weed Department Annual Report for 2006 and Management Plan for 2007. It is recommended that the Chairman sign the Management Plan for 2007 and all Commissioners sign the 2006 Annual Report for submission to the Kansas Department of Agriculture.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the Butler County Noxious Weed Department Annual Report for 2006 with signatures from all Commissioners and approval of the Management Plan for 2007 and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Waldorf inquired as to how Mr. Walters and his family were doing since the loss of their home due to fire. Mr. Walters stated that a neighbor had offered a furnished hunting lodge for his family to live in. The Board inquired as to the need of more clothing or toys for the children. Mr. Walters said that they have been amazed and almost overwhelmed at the response of the people. Nothing more was needed at this time. He thanked Administrator Johnson for putting up his family in a motel for two nights and also for everything that the employees of Butler County have done for his family.

ITEM #5 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD (JCAB) FOR BLOCK GRANT FUNDING FOR PREVENTION AND CORE PROGRAMS FOR SFY 2008

Ann Carpenter, Juvenile Justice Services Adm., came before the Board for approval of the Block Grant funding for Prevention and Core Programs for SFY 2008. This application provides partial funding to Tri-County CASA, Parents As Teachers, Juvenile Intake & Assessment, supports the administrative function for the JCAB, and provides 100% of the funding for Community Corrections Juvenile Case Management and Juvenile Intensive Supervision. This breaks out to \$126,962 for prevention programs and \$299,722 for Graduated Sanctions/Core programs. There is no required match for this funding.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to recommend approval of the State Fiscal Year 2008 Block Grant funding in the combined amount of \$426,684.00 for funding programs within the 13th Judicial District and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Carpenter abstained.

David Alfaro, Economic Development Director, came before the Board concerning the gaming issue and receiving invitations from the GWDC to meetings where this issue is being discussed. Administrator Johnson will send an e-mail to Mr. Alfaro stating the County's position at this time

regarding this matter so that he may decline these invitations. Commissioner Waldorf noted, again, that this is not a County issue at this time.

RECESS

Commissioner Waldorf recessed the Board meeting at 11:05 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Waldorf reconvened the Board meeting at 11:10 a.m.

ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION – COMMISSIONERS ON THE ROAD

The Board will be holding their “On the Road” meetings at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays this spring. Meetings will be held on the following dates: April 10th in Latham, May 8th in Potwin, and June 12th in Elbing. Advertisement for these meetings will be in the Shopper’s Guide and through the City Halls.

It was also noted that the Board has been invited to the Prairie Rose Chuck Wagon on Tuesday, March 13th @ 6:15 p.m.

ITEM #7 – WORK SESSION – STRATEGIC PLAN

Administrator Johnson presented the Strategic Plan for Butler County to the Board. Commissioner Waldorf asked each Commissioner to review the Plan and it would be brought back to the Board in two weeks for further discussion.

ITEM #8 – WORK SESSION – PERSONNEL POLICY REVISIONS

Administrator Johnson submitted the modified sections of the personnel policy to the Board. Revisions made were “legal changes” upon the recommendation of County Counsel, Norm Manley. Mr. Johnson asked the Board to consider these changes. The Board requested Mr. Johnson to gather additional information regarding the changes to Policy #14. Decisions regarding these revisions will be made at a later date.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for February 5, 2007 in the amount of \$351,785.34. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the vouchers for February 12, 2007 in the amount of \$263,453.19. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Carpenter asked for clarification on the repairs of the 2005 Tahoe. Mr. Johnson will research this for Mr. Carpenter.

Commissioner Carpenter attended the REAP Executive Meeting on Friday, February 9th. He also attended the regular REAP Meeting today, February 12th. Main discussion was on the water coalition and who should oversee this.

Commissioner Carpenter represented the Board at the Conservation District meeting Saturday evening at the First Baptist Church in El Dorado.

Commissioner Carpenter received an e-mail from Ted Dankert from Butler Community College concerning Haverhill Rd. The College is planning on putting an Information/Welcome Center out by the road and they were inquiring about the County continuing the 4-lane out to the south of the College. By working together, this area would only be torn apart one time. The Board agreed this would be a good project for Staff to research.

Commissioner Carpenter inquired as to the status of the Wholesale Water District. Stated that he feels we should really focus on this. It just makes good sense for the County.

Commissioner Woydziak inquired about the statutes to have elected officials appointed rather than elected. Administrator Johnson will research these statutes.

Commissioner Waldorf brought to the attention of the Board the inmate count of 170. This is an alarmingly low count and is unacceptable. The jail cannot operate efficiently with such a low inmate count. Mr. Waldorf stated that the Board should meet with Sheriff Murphy about a plan to market our jail and begin fixing this problem.

Commissioner Waldorf commented on the voter paper e-mails that had been received. Administrator Johnson noted that Ron Roberts, County Clerk, was going to Topeka on Tuesday, February 13th to testify against this Bill. The Board agreed that they were in support of opposition to this Bill.

Commissioner Waldorf noted that the Codes Court Bill had passed in the House 98-22. All five of our Representatives voted in favor of this Bill.

Commissioner Waldorf inquired if any feedback had been received from the City of El Dorado concerning payment to them. Commissioner Wheeler voiced his concern over the letter to be sent to the City of El Dorado. Mr. Waldorf requested the Board to review the letter and noted that it was on the agenda to be discussed on Tuesday, February 13th.

Commissioner Waldorf offered condolences to Commissioner Wheeler on behalf of the Board in the passing of his Mother. Mr. Waldorf shared that their thoughts and prayers have been with him during this time. Mr. Wheeler expressed his appreciation for their condolences.

Administrator Johnson said that Carla Williams, neighbor of Mr. Hayworth, had called to say that she was drastically opposed to the request he would be bringing to the Board on Tuesday, February 13th. He is requesting to store construction materials temporarily for 6 months on his property. He contacted Darryl Lutz, Engineer's Office, and was told no. He contacted Rod Compton, Planning and Zoning, and was told to either request rezoning of his property or to go before the Commission. Mr. Waldorf told him he was welcome to come before the Board, but the Board typically supports the decisions made by Staff of Butler County.

Administrator Johnson presented to the Board the flyer for the One Shot Turkey Hunt. The Board was pleased with the appearance of the folder.

Administrator Johnson shared with the Board that Steve Smith had suffered a massive stroke over the weekend and was in Wesley. He is paralyzed from the neck down and his prognosis is not good. Mr. Johnson noted that it was very disappointing to hear this news.

Commissioner Waldorf said that the Commission received a letter from El Dorado Main Street requesting sponsorship for Frontier Western Celebration to be held June 8 – 10th. The Board declined to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.