

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, July 17, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Randy Waldorf called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Reporter Tammy Bridges.

Administrator Johnson presented bid forms to the commissioners for the cleanup of the Bob Johnson property located at 19506 SW Hunter Rd. in Douglass. This item will be addressed tonight at the meeting in Douglass.

ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION – 2008 BUDGET

Administrator Johnson presented 2008 Budget information to the Board for review and discussion. Items discussed included the refinery valuation and the 9-1-1 Communications Plan as well as departmental budgets. There was discussion and debate regarding lowering the mill levy and putting a sales tax question on the ballot for November 2008 to help reduce the mill levy.

Mark Detter reported that the 2008 Fire District Budgets either show a decrease in mill levy or are staying the same.

RECESS MEETING UNTIL 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY OF DOUGLASS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned at 11:15 a.m. to recess the Board meeting until 6:00 p.m. at the City of Douglass. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Waldorf reconvened the Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Douglass. Those present were Commissioners Will Carpenter, Jeff Masterson, Mike Wheeler, Dan Woydziak, Assistant Administrator Mark Detter, and Clerk Ron Roberts.

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ITEM #2 – ITEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN BETWEEN BUTLER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DOUGLASS

Douglass Mayor Mark Roberts welcomed the commissioners to Douglass. He stated that they were very pleased with the contract with the Sheriff to provide police coverage for the city. He stated it has been beneficial for both the city and the county. Mayor Roberts then asked the commissioners to consider increasing the 10 hour ambulance stationed in Douglas to a 12 hour truck.

Commissioner Woydziak responded that while the commission was not looking at increasing the hours of operation, they were going to shift the times to better meet the incoming calls. He also said they were looking at a full time ambulance for Rose Hill which would help the response times to Douglass when their truck was not on duty.

The Mayor then asked if there were any plans to improve 210th St. in the city from the railroad tracks east to 77 Highway.

Commissioner Woydziak briefly reviewed the county road improvement plans for the southwest part of the county and said he would have the county engineer take a look at that section of road.

ITEM #3 – RECEIVE JOEL PYLE REPRESENTING THE BUTLER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TO REQUEST FUNDS TO AID IN THE CREATION OF THE K. T. WEIDEMANN FOUNDATION FUND OF BUTLER COUNTY

Joel Pyle, Rose Hill City Administrator, came before the Board to request a donation to the Butler County Community Foundation. The BCCF is an independent organization; former Commissioner Randy Doll is the Executive Director. They are trying to raise \$25,000 local match money to obtain a grant from the K. T. Weidemann Foundation. The combined funds would be invested and kept in the fund. The interest generated, less some retained to grow the fund, would be used for individual local grants to aid at-risk children and youth in Butler County.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to give the foundation \$3,000.00 from the Wind Farm Community Development Fund. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #4 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2008 STATE AND LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUTLER COUNTY AND THE KANSAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND ALLOW THE CHAIR TO SIGN

Jim Schmidt, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board for approval of the 2008 State and Local Agreement between Butler County and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. Butler County and the State of Kansas through its Department of Emergency Management/Homeland Security have signed the cooperative agreement between these entities since 1993. The agreement in effect verifies that Butler County has and will continue to maintain its emergency management program to meet state requirements.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the 2008 State and Local Agreement between Butler County and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and allow the Chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #5 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOLICITATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLEANUP OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH EAST OF DOUGLASS OWNED BY BOB JOHNSON

Mark Detter, Assistant Administrator/Finance Officer, came before the Board for approval to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for the cleanup of property located at 19506 SW Hunter Rd. near Douglass, Kansas owned by Bob Johnson.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to solicit RFP's to clean up the Bob Johnson property to bring it into compliance with Butler County zoning and sanitary codes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Emergency Management Director Jim Schmidt informed the Board that he attended the FEMA meeting at the EMS Building today. Eligibility for flood damage reimbursements will begin on June 26 and forward. Small claims, up to \$55,000, would receive prompt cash payments. Larger requests will require a different process that will take longer. Sixteen townships were represented, but a couple felt the potential gains were not worth the paperwork required to qualify.

Commissioner Masterson asked if the Douglass reservoir would have helped with the flooding from the spring rains and also inquired about the status of the project. Mayor Roberts stated that the reservoir was for water supply and would have little impact on flooding. He further stated they were still waiting on reports from the engineers, and did not have any new information at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 7:05 p.m.

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