

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, July 23, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, July 16, 2007 as amended to read "Administrator Johnson and Commissioner Wheeler viewed Mr. Bill Johnson's property in Rosalia and noted that some progress has been made in cleaning up the property, but a lot more needs to be done," and Tuesday, July 17, 2007 as amended to change "wind farm money" to "Wind Farm Community Development Fund." Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #1 – RECEIVE TERRY DAVID, TEAM LEADER FOR THE REGION III EMS MERGe TEAM, TO DISCUSS THE CONCEPT OF THE MERGe TEAM IN KANSAS**

Grant Helferich, Emergency Medical Services Director, came before the Board to introduce Mr. Terry David, Team Leader for the Region III EMS MERGe team, Rice County EMS Director, and the Rice County Emergency Management Director. Mr. David came before the Board to discuss the concept of the MERGe team in Kansas and to thank Butler County for their support. MERGe stands for Major Emergency Response Group, which was formed by Region III EMS service directors to respond to disasters and assist as needed. The team has made several responses in Kansas and most recently to the Greensburg, Kansas tornado. Mr. David presented pictures of the town of Greensburg showing the damage the tornado caused and explained what the response team does in a disaster. No action was taken.

**ITEM #2 – RECEIVE AND OPEN TIRE BIDS FOR BUTLER COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to receive and open bids for purchase of tires for Butler County departments. Bids were received from Augusta Tire and Auto.

*Commissioner Carpenter motioned to receive the tire bids submitted by Augusta Tire and Auto and allow the Director of Public Works to tabulate the bids, to review for conformance, and to return at a later date with a recommendation for purchase. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #3 – DISCUSS ACCESS ISSUES RELATED TO PROPOSED TRUCK YARD AT SW OHIO STREET AND SW 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to discuss access issues regarding the egress and ingress on SW Ohio Street and SW 20<sup>th</sup> Street related to the proposed truck yard. At Mr. Lutz's request, Commissioner Waldorf and Commissioner Carpenter will view the area later today. No action was taken.

Mr. Lutz informed the Board that he received a letter of resignation from Ken Bratton, Buildings and Grounds Director, who has accepted a position with another company and will be leaving in three weeks.

#### **RECESS**

Commissioner Waldorf recessed the Board meeting at 9:55 a.m. for 5 minutes.

#### **RECONVENE**

Commissioner Waldorf reconvened the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### **ITEM #4 – CONSIDER PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT POLICY**

David Alfaro, Economic Development Director, came before the Board for approval of the Proposed County Tax Abatement Policy. The policy allows for up to 10 years of tax abatements for new and/or expanding businesses located in the unincorporated areas of Butler County. The policy also includes an In-Lieu of Tax Payment. Mr. Alfaro stated that Bond Counsel Kim Bell has reviewed the policy.

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the Tax Abatement Policy. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

#### **ITEM #5 – WORK SESSION – 2008 BUDGET**

Administrator Johnson and the Board discussed the 2008 Budget. There was discussion about the refinery's appeal of the valuation. Administrator Johnson said we would know more about the valuation of the refinery by next year. Commissioner Masterson stated that he would like to see a modest reduction in the mill levy. Commissioners Woydziak and Waldorf stated that they are for leaving the mill levy level, which is staff's recommendation. Commissioner Carpenter said he is for reducing the mill levy to give the folks in the county some tax relief. Commissioner Wheeler stated that he would like to leave the mill levy where it is.

#### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the vouchers for July 23, 2007 in the amount of \$76,953.78. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

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

Commissioner Waldorf asked about the lien on the Prairie Rose property and if it will transfer with the new property owner. Administrator Johnson said he would have staff contact Norm Manley, County Counsel.

Commissioner Waldorf stated that he would not be at the meetings of Tuesday, July 24, and Monday, July 30.

*Commissioner Carpenter motioned to appoint Jeremy Sundgren to the Butler County Planning Commission. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Carpenter reminded everyone that the 4-H dinner is tonight at 7:00 p.m.

Administrator Johnson said the two street brooms that had a trade-in value of \$7,000 were sold on the public surplus auction site for \$12,700.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:25 a.m.*

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