

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 13, 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 Recorder Tammy Bridges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Monday, November 5, 2007 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Carpenter abstained since he was attending a REAP activity. Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting of Tuesday, November 6, 2007 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – RECEIVE A REPORT ON A WASTE FLOW ECONOMIC ANALYSIS STUDY FOR THE LANDFILL

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, introduced Chris Snider, Project Manager, Burns & McDonnell, who presented the waste flow economic analysis study for the landfill. The study was conducted in the spring of '07 and finds that increasing flow rates to optimize operations significantly impacts landfill revenues in a positive manner. The study also projects expected impacts on landfill life and provides for setting aside sufficient funds for closure of the landfill. Based on the extension of the current waste flow of 100 tons per day, the landfill will reach capacity in 2058. For the potential waste flow scenario of 160 tons per day, closure year was determined to be 2045. The 200 tons per day waste flow scenario was calculated to close in 2044. The Board received the report and no action was taken.

RECESS

Commissioner Waldorf recessed the Board meeting at 9:50 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Waldorf reconvened the Board meeting at 9:55 a.m.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVING THE GENERAL BUILDING LAYOUT AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE GRANT FUND E-WASTE BUILDING AT THE LANDFILL

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of the general building layout and specifications of the grant funded e-waste building at the landfill. The Board gave permission to Staff on October 8th to proceed with preparing building plans, general conditions and specifications to be sent to contractors for submitting building proposals. It is the goal to start construction by February '08.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve building plans, general conditions and specifications for the grant funded e-waste building at the landfill and to authorize the County

Engineer to advertise the project and send out plans and RFP's to prospective contractors. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE SALVATION ARMY, BENTON FLAG POLE FUND, CITY OF AUGUSTA, ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY, CITY OF REFUGE, AND ROSE HILL SKATE PARK AS PART OF THE 2007 WIND FARM FUNDS REQUESTS

William Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of recommendations on requests for funding from the Salvation Army for \$10,000; Benton Flag Pole Fund for \$8,000; City of Augusta for \$25,000; Andover Public Library for \$7,205; City of Refuge for \$15,000; and Rose Hill Skate Park for \$10,000 as part of the 2007 wind farm funds requests. Funds to be awarded total \$78,205 and will only be distributed on documented reimbursement of expense.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the award for funds to the Salvation Army for \$10,000; Benton Flag Pole Fund for \$8,000; City of Augusta for \$25,000; Andover Public Library for \$7,205; City of Refuge for \$15,000; and Rose Hill Skate Park for \$10,000 as part of the 2007 wind farm funds requests. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Johnson noted that the funds would be distributed to City of Refuge, Rose Hill Skate Park, and City of Augusta upon award of grants.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – RAILROAD PROPERTY ABANDONMENT

David Alfaro, Economic Development Director, came before the Board to discuss the railroad property abandonment. The Board discussed transferring the property to the cities and working towards abandonment between Augusta and Andover. Administrator Johnson suggested the county recommend to the Surface Transportation Board that the property to be reverted back to the landowners.

Mr. Alfaro informed the Board of a house in Andover that is to be moved in 2008. The moving company has inquired about removing railroad crossing arms and possibly selling them for scrap metal.

Mr. Alfaro brought up an issue regarding right of way that Kansas Gas bought from the county. They are requesting to reposition the right of way further north to allow for tree growth.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to allow the County Administrator to negotiate with the cities of Augusta and Andover regarding transferring ownership of railroad property to them. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Carpenter voted no.

Mr. Alfaro noted that Kansas Department of Health and Environment is requiring Phase 2, a more in-depth environmental study, on the parking lot at Osage Manor in Augusta.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the vouchers for November 13, 2007 in the amount of \$545,841.78. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF ADDS AND ABATES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2325 dated November 13, 2007. Adds in the amount of \$0.00 and Abates in the amount of \$3,752.16. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Administrator Johnson asked the Board to open Merchant Terminal Services bids for taking credit card payments at the county. Bids were received from Intrust Bank, First Data Corporation, Andover State Bank, North American Bank Card, Official Payments, and Commerce Bank.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to receive the bids and allow the staff to tabulate them and return with a recommendation. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board will be visiting the Leon Senior Center on February 4, 2008 instead of February 18, 2008.

Administrator Johnson noted that there would be no Board meetings next week due to the Kansas Association of Counties meetings.

Commissioner Waldorf reminded the Board of the Planning and Zoning dinner at the Rose Room Antique Mall and Chicken House in Towanda on Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Waldorf commented that the Quad County meeting is Monday, December 3, at the Ark Valley Lodge in Wichita.

Commissioner Waldorf stated that he and Commissioner Wheeler would be attending a meeting with area realtors and representatives from the cities today to discuss special assessments and the neighborhood revitalization program.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:50 a.m. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

***Commissioners attended a luncheon at the Whitewater Senior Center at 11:45 a.m. following their adjournment.*