

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 5, 2007

CALL TO ORDER - LATE START DUE TO REAP

Commission Chairman Randy Waldorf called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf. Commissioner Will Carpenter was absent due to his attendance at the REAP Annual Planning Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, October 29, 2007 and Tuesday, October 30, 2007 as written.

Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1 – PRESENTATION OF WINDFARM FUNDING PROJECTS

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board on behalf of Captain Rick Hamelund, Salvation Army, to request \$10,000 to assist with the purchase of a full-sized mobile kitchen canteen and a garage to house the canteen. This would benefit Butler, Harvey, Greenwood, and Chase Counties.

Sam McVay and Bill O'Connell, City of Refuge, came before the Board to request \$53,000 towards the development of a countywide homeless shelter.

Kay Walker, Principal of Rose Hill Middle School, and Cody Dyer and Nathan Kaiser, 8th Grade Students, came before the Board to request \$10,000 towards the Rose Hill Skate Board Park.

Administrator Johnson stated that the Board would be reviewing the Windfarm funding projects in the next two weeks and would be notifying applicants of the decisions.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF A COMPACTOR FOR THE LANDFILL

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for authorization to solicit sealed bids for replacing a landfill compactor. This piece of equipment, as well as all existing major equipment, is included in the Department of Public Works equipment replacement program. Butler County has \$250,000 programmed for purchase of this equipment. At least three vendors in the Wichita area will be able to bid on the required equipment.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to authorize the Director of Public Works to proceed with requesting sealed bids for the purchase of a landfill compactor with trade-in of the current compactor. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lutz requested permission from the Board to take the time to update them regarding four matters. Next Tuesday, November 13th, Bruce McDonald will be here to give a 15-minute overview of the Landfill Waste Flow Economic Analysis. Mr. Lutz will e-mail the Board a copy of the report to review before the meeting.

The SW Butler Road Study is moving along. The Task Force will hold their next meeting on November 14th. They will then schedule a joint meeting with the three governing bodies involved with this project down at Rose Hill. After that meeting, a public presentation will be scheduled to get feedback from the public.

Mr. Lutz is still in the process of gathering information regarding the cost of a white-line striping project.

Mr. Lutz informed the Board that West of Augusta in what is known as “Bennett Tract”, there is a rural sewer district with excess capacity. He requested permission to conduct a capacity analysis so that when developers make inquiries concerning this property he will have information for them. It will cost approximately \$2,000. The Board agreed to have Mr. Lutz bring back proposals to have this study conducted.

RECESS

Commissioner Waldorf recessed the Board meeting at 10:52 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Waldorf reconvened the Board meeting at 10:57 a.m.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION - RAILROAD

Darryl Lutz joined the Board in discussing the Railroad property that runs around and through the cities of Augusta and Andover. It was the consensus of the Board to approach the cities with the idea of the County deeding this property over to them. The Board also discussed the possibility of abandonment of the affected property that lies out in the County. Administrator Johnson stated that he would like to see official action taken on this matter by the end of the year.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for November 5, 2007 in the amount of \$73,355.11. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Administrator Johnson updated the Board on the Milo Stock lawsuit. It is back in court at this time. Norman Manley has asked the Judge for re-consideration.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board of the need for the property clean up on the Bill Johnson property. Norman Manley has recommended that the Board start Administrative Action to start this process. Mr. Johnson stated that an aerial of the property would be taken as soon as the leaves have fallen.

Administrator Johnson commented on the clean-up process of the property of Bob Johnson. It has gone very well and should be completed as of this date.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board that he would be gone to training on November 7th & 8th in Pittsburgh, Kansas. He will be going along with Matt Lawn, David Alfaro, & Mark Detter.

Administrator Johnson reminded the Board that County Offices would be closed on Monday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day.

Commissioner Woydziak inquired about the NACO Washington, D.C. trip coming up next March 1 – 5, 2008. It was agreed to obtain information on this meeting and then determine who would be attending.

Commissioner Masterson reported on his attendance at the 4-H Appreciation Dinner last Saturday. He stated that the kids involved were very enjoyable that evening.

Commissioner Woydziak noted that the Justice is Served Dinner last Friday was also good.

Administrator Johnson reported that Crystal Noles, new Director of Department on Aging, would be present tomorrow to meet the Board. She is shadowing Connie this week before taking the reins herself. Mr. Johnson noted that he had asked Connie to take Crystal around to all the Senior Centers and introduce her to the directors. He said this was the most important task she could complete before retiring. Commissioner Woydziak stated that he would like to be with her when she was introduced at the Rose Hill Senior Center.

Commissioner Wheeler expressed his concern over the recent Reversed 911 Communication System failure. Mr. Johnson informed the Board that he received an e-mail from Chris Davis stating that tech support had installed the windows updates that were needed and that several tests of the system had been completed successfully. A weekly test of the system will be initiated in the next few days.

Commissioner Waldorf commented on the new list of dates to visit the Senior Centers. It was agreed to discuss dates and times for the Centers at tomorrow's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:45 a.m.

Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.