

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 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 William Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf.

Will Johnson, County Administrator, took the opportunity to introduce to the Board the new Department of Aging Director, Crystal Noles. She comes to us from Cowley County where she worked for the Council on Aging. She was also a private contractor with Central Plains on Aging doing assessments. She has her Undergraduate Degree from OSU and her Graduate Degree in Social Work from WSU. Mr. Johnson informed the Board that Connie Rausch would be taking Crystal around the County and introducing her to each of the Directors at the Senior Centers. He reminded the Board that if they would like to be at a specific Senior Center when she was there to contact him for the date and time. Commissioner Woydziak stated that he was on the Interview Board to hire our new Director and was very impressed with Crystal's genuine care for the aging population and that this would be a huge asset to our citizens. He extended to her the full support of the Board and invited her to feel free to let them help her with her job. Commissioner Waldorf welcomed Crystal aboard and wished her success. He commented that she has some big shoes to fill. Commissioner Waldorf then acknowledged the nice retirement reception held for Connie last Friday and extended the Board's appreciation for all she has done for the Department and that she had left a good foundation for Crystal to start on.

**ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EL DORADO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

William Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of an agreement between Butler County, the City of El Dorado and the Kansas Department of Corrections for the partial funding of a position to ensure the future utilization of inmates in Butler County. Inmate services have been relied upon in the County and surrounding communities in Butler County since the late 1970's. These services include construction, facility maintenance, janitorial services, and general labor associated with community events. Butler County currently utilizes inmates for trash pickup and labor assistance at the landfill as well as inmate labor support for buildings and grounds. Mr. Ray Roberts, El Dorado Correctional Facility Warden, notified both the City and County that as part of the State FY08 Budget, the position associated with oversight of this function would be reduced to part-time, therefore cutting the budget by \$20,000. The City and the County have both agreed to support this position equally, \$10,000 from each entity, to maintain the benefit received from this service. By participating in the cost of this program, the County will no longer have to wait in line to receive assistance on projects. The current financial benefit to the County for labor allowed is in the excess of \$58,000 annually.

*Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the contract between the City of El Dorado/Butler County and the Kansas Department of Corrections for the partial funding of a position related to the utilization of inmate services in Butler County and allow the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #2 – CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FUTURE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION WORK FOR BUTLER COUNTY**

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for authorization to solicit engineering services for future bridge replacement and rehabilitation work for Butler County. Several bridges that are maintained by Butler County are in need of rehabilitation, repairs or replacement. It is proposed that 1 or 2 sites be considered for major repairs, 2 to 3 sites be considered for bridge deck rehabilitation, and 1 or 2 sites be considered for future replacement. The Board concurred that the high priority bridge sites that involve safety issues need extra consideration in this project. It was also the consensus of the Board that the bridge on Butler Road 1 mile North of 254 Hwy should be re-negotiated from a federal funds bridge to a locally funded project due to the necessity of it needing to be acknowledged hopefully in 2009 instead of the year 2012. Mr. Lutz will look into this project and bring information back to the Board at a later date.

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to authorize the Department of Public Works to solicit engineering proposals for bridge repair work and for bridge deck rehabilitation work for bridge sites approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #3 – CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR MODIFICATIONS TO POSITIONS**

Ruth Fechter, Butler County Treasurer, came before the Board for support and approval of reclassification of the Clerk II positions in the Treasurer's Office to Clerk III. The Clerk II & III job descriptions are identical with the exception of the required years of clerical & bookkeeping experience. The clerks are cross trained to perform the same tasks, therefore Clerk II employees with the required years of experience are performing Clerk III work functions. Cross training allows the office to consistently perform all the office functions when employees are out sick or on vacation. This cross training has been done in an effort to improve the efficiency and knowledge of the Treasurer's Office.

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the positions classified as Clerk II in the Treasurer's Office to be reclassified as Clerk III. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**RECESS**

Commissioner Waldorf recessed the Board meeting at 10:05 a.m. for 5 minutes.

**RECONVENE**

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

**ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – 2008 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, discussed with the Board the upcoming 2008 Butler County Legislative Agenda. They also reviewed the 2007 Legislative Agenda and those items that were successful.

**ITEM #5 – WORK SESSION – REVIEW OF WINDFARM FUNDING**

Administrator Johnson and the Board discussed the groups/agencies that have presented requests for this funding. It was the consensus of the Board that after awarded, monies would be available

for use within a 2-year time frame. Current monies being awarded would be available from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. The Board discussed awarding the following:

Salvation Army	\$10,000
Benton Flag Pole Fund	\$ 8,000
Andover Public Library	\$ 7,205
City of Augusta (Depot)	\$25,000
Rose Hill Skate Park	\$10,000
City of Refuge	\$15,000
Total Awards	\$75,205

Administrator Johnson will have this information gathered and placed on next Tuesday's Agenda for the Board to make a motion.

### **ADDS & ABATES**

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2324 dated November 6, 2007. Adds in the amount of \$1,203.72 and Abates in the amount of \$5,763.98. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

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

Administrator Johnson addressed the notations the Board had made on the vouchers from November 5, 2007. He pointed out that they were not vouchers, but inter-fund transfers.

Commissioner Carpenter reported on the REAP Retreat. They went over the plans for the coming year. He had information available for the Board to review if interested.

Commissioner Carpenter stated that he wanted to apologize personally to the Edson's who felt he had treated them shabbily in a meeting. He wanted to assure them that he did not mean to and that he may have been emotionally involved and may have been disappointed. He stated that he had been informed that a couple of County Employees had apologized for him in his treatment of the Edson's and he wanted to apologize to them for having to apologize for him. He meant nothing, but it was apparently perceived that way. He is deeply sorry that he was perceived in such a way.

Commissioner Wheeler reminded the Board of the Celebration of Freedom activities November 4<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Waldorf noted that Administrator Johnson had sent the Board an e-mail regarding the NACO Conference coming up in March 2008. Mr. Woydziak stated that he felt everyone on the Board would benefit from attending this conference. Mr. Waldorf asked the Board to check their schedules so that in next week's meeting it could be finalized who would be attending.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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