

**BUTLER COUNTY BOAR OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, October 31, 2000**

The Butler County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Commission Chairman, Randy Doll. Present were Commissioners Neal Parrish and Linsey Cutsinger along with County Administrator, Jay Newton and Clerk's Secretary, Tindel Jennison.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Doll moved to approve the Minutes of Monday, October 10, Tuesday, October 11, Monday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 24, 2000 as amended. Commissioner Cutsinger seconded the motion that carried 3-0.

**EL DORADO ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING**

The El Dorado City Commission approved unanimously to annex five tracts of land totaling, 1,070 acres: Township Village; acreage north of Sixth Avenue and the Union Pacific railroad tracks and bounded by north 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oil Hill Road and Topeka Street; property east of Haverhill Road between Towanda Avenue, the Southwest Trafficway and Douglass Road; area east of Boyer Road and south of West Central.

The Commission will render their written decision within seven days to the City of El Dorado. The decision, subject to appeal from either side, will be based upon written findings of fact and conclusions with regard to whether annexation would result in "manifest injury" to the owners of any land proposed to be annexed, or to the City if annexation is denied.

Commissioner Doll opened the meeting at 9:10 AM with approximately 80 people from the public present. The City of El Dorado opened by detailing their reasons for seeking annexation stating that if the Commission approved the annexation, the process could be completed in six to eight months instead of over a period of perhaps two to three years. Reasons included: control over what happens to trafficways around El Dorado; improvements needed in areas such as Sixth Street, Towanda Avenue and Douglas Road are difficult to make when the roadways are partially in and partially out of the City; the City needs to be able to look ahead and have control with regard to growth and development occurring in the areas immediately connected to it. County Engineer, Bruce Remsburg stated that, if annexed, Township Village's water system would be brought up to city standards.

Tim Connell, representative for Township Village property owners urged, to leave things the way they are, as the area for the most part, have been developed for 40 years. He stated that the Commissioners should not do the City a favor simply because it wants to speed up the process. He said that services provided presently to the area would not improve with annexation and that the residents have nothing to gain by annexation.

Residents from Township Village stated that they currently received all the services the City offers, paying a higher rate than those within the City, but that higher rate was lower than what the increase in taxes would be if annexed.

Owners of the Star-Vu Drive-in Theatre on the east side of Haverhill Road, voiced concerns about being able to stay in business if annexed due to the cost of sewer extensions. Bruce Remsburg responded that there were no plans to do extentions to the theatre.

Mr. Kaplan, legal counsel for Mr. Fred Kropf, spoke in opposition to annexation of area D.

Several residents of Township Village spoke in opposition to annexation along with El Dorado Township Trustee, Dana McCoy.

No one spoke regarding areas B and E.

**RECESS**

Commissioner Doll moved to recess until 11:30 AM. Commissioner Parrish seconded the motion that carried 3-0.

**RECONVENE**

Commissioner Doll reconvened the meeting at 11:30 AM.

**APPROVAL OF ABATE**

Commissioner Doll moved to approve abates totaling \$566.82 per approval #2023. Commissioner Cutsinger seconded the motion that carried 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Doll moved to go into Executive Session until 12:30 PM to discuss legal matters. Commissioner Cutsinger seconded the motion that carried 3-0.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Commissioner Doll brought the meeting back into Regular Session at 12:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Doll moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cutsinger seconded the motion that carried 3-0.