

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 23, 2001

Commission Chairman, Bill Shriver, called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order. Present was Commissioners Randy Doll & Will Carpenter; County Administrator, Jay Newton; and Commission Secretary, Marcy Zwall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the Butler County Commission Meeting minutes of Monday, July 16, 2001, and Tuesday, July 17, 2001, as written. Commissioner Doll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the Butler County Public Building Commission Meeting minutes of Tuesday, July 17, 2001. Commissioner Doll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Doll moved to approve vouchers totaling \$231,123.36, dated July 20, 2001. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

Administrator Jay Newton presented the 2002 Budget Proposal for review & approval. In addition, August 7, 2001, at 9:00a.m., was suggested for a public hearing on this matter. Specifically, he informed the Commissioners that the 2002 Budget must be adopted by 8/15/01; therefore, that was the last date a public hearing could be held. Moreover, the approved budget must be published 10 days prior to the public hearing. Mr. Newton commented that he was trying to get action taken during Regular Commission Sessions, so a Special Meeting would not need to be called. Mr. Newton further noted that approval of the Fire District Budgets was needed so a hearing could be held. The final proposals (budgets figured after meetings with each department) were thoroughly reviewed. Mr. Newton went through each line of the General Fund Revenues, specifying which monies went through the state & back to the County, and which resources sent funds directly to the County. Commissioner Doll asked if Mr. Newton felt the cash balance was big for Butler County's size. Mr. Newton explained that not only did he feel the cash balance was low, but the auditor agreed. He went on to say that he should have the auditor's report in the near future (he's meeting with him Wednesday for review). The General Fund's 2002 proposed expenditures were compared to 2001 year-to-date (January through June) actual expense percentages. In general, Commissioner Doll recapped that there is a \$2.3 million difference between the 2001 budget & 2002 proposed budget; \$2 million of that being Debt Services for the new jail, & most of the balance being for merit & pay plan increases. Overall, the Board felt comfortable with these "final proposals".

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the budget for the 2002 year, as proposed, at 35.948; and to call for a public hearing on August 7, 2001, at 9:00a.m.

Commissioner Doll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE DISTRICTS BUDGET APPROVAL

The Board reviewed the final 2002 Budget Proposals for the Butler County Fire Districts, which figures were arrived at after discussion with FD#1 Chief, Tim McFadden.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to accept the budgets for the Fire Districts for 2002, and also authorize:

Resolution 01-24 for Fire District #1,

Resolution 01-25 for Fire District #3,

Resolution 01-26 for Fire District #4,
Resolution 01-27 for Fire District #6,
Resolution 01-28 for Fire District #7,
Resolution 01-29 for Fire District #10;

And set a public hearing date for August 7, 2001, at 9:15a.m.
Commissioner Doll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

FLINTHILLS GOLF COURSE USGA CONTRACT

Emergency Medical Service Director, Grant Helferich, was present to discuss & review a contract regarding Flinthills Golf Course U.S.G.A. It was agreed that this was going to be a very big deal for the County – it will be televised on ESPN – to start with practice rounds on 7/30 & 31.

Commissioner Doll informed Mr. Helferich that he has been approached about EMS being the only Department charging for their services. Mr. Helferich told the Board that he did not have the funds to donate the overtime, but he was not aware that this was for a non-profit organization. Commissioner Doll explained that he was informed that this was not a fund-raising event for a charity, but whatever funds were leftover would be donated to a Butler County charity. Mr. Helferich commented that an ambulance & his personnel were requested to be on-site, & he was concerned about the availability of a truck & employees. Mr. Newton requested that Mr. Helferich present to him documentation of what would normally be charged.

Commissioner Doll moved to eliminate the charges for services of the Emergency Medical Services for the Flinthills Golf Course U.S.G.A., starting July 30, 2001, through August 5, 2001. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BUTLER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Larry Powell, Butler County Economic Development, announced to the Board that David Warren, City of Wichita Utility Director, would be talking to the Butler County Economic Development Board at their next meeting (August 23rd at 7pm) about City of Wichita utility expansion. This would give the Commission information about the Wholesale Water District. Commissioner Shriver commented that attendance by a Board Member would be beneficial.

SPRING TOWNSHIP APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Shriver told the Board that he had received a recommendation for Kristen Walker as the Spring Township Treasurer replacement. He also got an inquiry for the position from a Dawn Hromek whom he suggested to be reserved as a “back-up”.

Commissioner Shriver moved to appoint Kristen L. Walker (2138 SW 95th Terrace, Augusta, KS 67010 – (316)775-7450) as Treasurer of Spring Township.

Commissioner Doll seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Doll moved, having no further business before the board, to adjourn.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.