

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, April 7, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER – LATE START**

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Ron Roberts.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, March 31, 2008 and Tuesday, April 1, 2008 as written. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Larry Adams approached the Commissioners to discuss the appraisal on his property. He added a deck in 2004 that was assessed in 2005. He appealed and his value was lowered. This year his value increased \$5,000, so he appealed again and the value was increased more. He went to Small Claims and received no relief. Mr. Adams then appealed to BOTA. He has not received the BOTA ruling to date, but feels the County representative, testifying under oath, misrepresented the facts. He requested the Commissioners investigate the matter and take strong action with the employee.

**ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION – ELEVATOR FUNDING**

Mark Detter came before the Commissioners to inform them the \$300,000 grant, to replace the elevator, would not be a 100% grant as previously thought. It will be a dollar for dollar match grant. The Commissioners decided to make the application for \$600,000 so the full \$300,000 grant could be available if needed. They will decide later how much to authorize for the project.

**ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – COMMISSION GOALS**

Administrator Johnson reviewed the status of the commission goals. He informed them that most of the goals yet to be finished required a substantial amount of time, money or both.

**ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

Emergency Manager Jim Schmidt and 911 Director Chris Davis came before the commission to update them on the status of the new communications upgrades. Administrator Johnson stated that the County has spent \$148,513 on phase one of the project plus \$52,531 on phase two for a total cost to date of \$201,044. There was considerable discussion about the system being specified. They were interested in what parts, of the plan, were required and which parts were discretionary. The Commissioners asked staff to make arrangements for them to visit some other counties using the type of system that we are designing. Mr. Schmidt said that Butler would probably be the second county in Kansas using this type of system, Leavenworth is the other county designing a similar system.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the vouchers for April 7, 2008 in the amount of \$345,254.85. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

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

*Commissioner Waldorf motioned to appoint Carl Crease to the Council on Aging as the Butler County representative from the Augusta area. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Waldorf inquired if the Don Nicely issue had been resolved, and stated he hoped the appraiser would contact Mr. Nicely with a response.

Commissioner Masterson stated he had attended the Economic Development meeting in Augusta and felt it was productive.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Waldorf motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**\*\*Commissioners will be attending a Department Head Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room\*\***