

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meetings of Monday, August 11, 2008 and Tuesday, August 12, 2008 as written. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION – KDOT COMPREHENSIVE HIGHWAY PLAN

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to discuss project proposals for inclusion in the development of a new State Comprehensive Transportation Program. Staff is proposing to meet with Andover, Rose Hill, Augusta, and El Dorado to determine critical transportation needs that could be jointly supported. Mr. Lutz will return at a later date with more information. No action was taken.

ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – OUT OF COUNTY TRASH

Darryl C. Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to discuss the landfill accepting out of county trash from neighboring counties. The Board discussed the possibility of the county wide recycling program being funded by the out of county trash proceeds. The Board agreed to have Public Works send a letter to our smaller neighboring counties (Greenwood, Cowley, Elk, Chase, & Marion).

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION - FOUR DAY WORK WEEK

Administrator Johnson came before the Board to discuss the four-day workweek. He said after contacting the departments, there was a 50-50 split as to interest in the four-day workweek. After some discussion about the matter, the Board decided to leave the work week as is. Administrator Johnson stated that the departments, with Administrator approval, could choose to do some 4 day workweeks with their employees while still maintaining operations Monday through Friday 8-5. Administrator Johnson commented that if the state changes their policies, then the county may look at changing. No action was taken.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – SALES TAX

Commissioner Woydziak stated that most of the citizens he talked with were agreeable to the sales tax, especially if there would be a mill levy reduction. The Board discussed splitting the sales tax with the cities.

RECESS

Commissioner Woydziak recessed the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. for 10 minutes.

RECONVENE

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

Tony Grunder, owner of John K. Fisher, came before the Board to discuss the sales tax and the affect it would have on his business.

Commissioner Waldorf noted that he met with Bill Keefer, City of Augusta, and discussed the sales tax issue. Mark Detter, Assistant Administrator, wanted to clarify that if the sales tax were to be split with the cities, the county wouldn't have any control over what the cities do with it. Commissioner Waldorf requested that the other commissioners talk to the cities in their districts regarding the sales tax.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the vouchers for August 18, 2008 in the amount of \$239,546.37. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to accept the resignation of Kathy McDowell as Spring Township Treasurer. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to appoint Bud Carel as the Treasurer of Spring Township. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Waldorf noted a meeting with Bill Keefer, Augusta City Manager, to discuss recycling and the 6th Street railroad right-of-way.

Commissioner Masterson stated that the Andover City Council approved taking over maintenance of the railroad right of way. Commissioner Waldorf asked about options for the railroad property between Andover and Augusta.

Commissioner Masterson brought up tonight's Benton City Council meeting and the discussion on paving Prairie Creek Rd.

Commissioner Waldorf asked Darryl Lutz or someone from the Engineer's Office to serve on the Augusta Hwy. 54 Corridor Study Technology Oversight Committee.

Commissioner Carpenter asked about the Douglass Senior Center paying sales tax on their meals.

Commissioner Woydziak stated that he would not be at the commission meeting tomorrow.

Administrator Johnson noted an issue regarding mill levy funds being used for daily meal programs at the Senior Centers. A work session will be scheduled next week.

Administrator Johnson met with KDHE and the County was given a new order to comply within 90 days regarding the connection of College Acres to the City of El Dorado.

Administrator Johnson said the City of El Dorado sent him an Interlocal agreement for a special improvement district on Towanda St. Commissioner Waldorf suggested bringing it as an action item at a later date.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board that a developer is interested in building 12 homes on some property in the Towanda area with a stand alone sewage system.

Administrator Johnson shared a landscape plan for the grounds at the Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.