

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, August 4, 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, Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges. Commissioner Mike Wheeler was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meetings of Monday, July 28, 2008 and Tuesday, July 29, 2008 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #2 – FOLLOW UP ON REVISED SECTION AND COSTS FOR THE SW BUTLER ROAD PROJECT AND DISCUSS PROCESS FOR COMPLETION OF STUDY

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Public Works Director, came before the Board to introduce Mr. Brett Letkowski with TranSystems to discuss modified road section proposals and cost estimates and to outline the close out of the SW Butler Road Project. The study group recommends completing the report based upon the original road section proposals with the idea that phasing and construction type could be revised down during design. The study group will finish review and recommendations for an access management plan for the corridor over the next 3 to 4 weeks. Commissioner Woydziak thanked Mr. Letkowski for the information. No action was taken.

Administrator Johnson and the Board discussed paying for the Butler Road project and inflationary costs.

ITEM #3 – RECEIVE STUDY REPORTS FOR PROPOSED BRIDGE REPAIR WORK IN BUTLER COUNTY

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Public Works Director, came before the Board to present study reports for proposed bridgework. Reports were completed for bridge deck repair work for 3 bridges and for major bridgework for 1 bridge. Following are Staff's recommendations:

Polecat Creek Bridge, No. 19N7-29-3, on SW 210th St. west of Butler Rd., for a bridge deck mill, patch, and overlay and approach guardrail improvements, estimated to cost approximately \$154,000 and **Walnut River Bridge**, No. 19N6-29-4, on SW 210th St. west of Douglass, for a bridge deck mill, patch, and overlay approach guardrail improvements, with a cost estimate of \$349,000. No course of action is recommended for the **Bird Creek Bridge**, No. 5E3-26-6, on Bluestem Rd. south of the El Dorado Lake at this time. The Bird Creek Bridge is recommended for replacement at a later date.

The major bridge repair project is for the **E. Branch Walnut River Bridge**, No. 11N5-24-6, on NE 110th St. approximately 6.5 miles east of DeGraff estimated to cost approximately \$227,000.

Mr. Lutz stated that he would fund a portion of the work out of the Bridge Building Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund would pick up the remainder.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to accept the recommendation of staff to proceed with recommended bridge deck repair work on Bridge No. 19N6-29-4 and Bridge No. 19N7-29-3 and to proceed with major bridge repair work on Bridge No. 11N5-24-6. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

RECESS

Commissioner Woydziak recessed the Board meeting at 9:50 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Woydziak reconvened the Board meeting at 9:55 a.m.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – 2009 BUTLER COUNTY BUDGET

Administrator Johnson presented the 2009 Fire District Budgets and the County Budget. There was discussion regarding an issue with the City of Augusta and the Augusta Public Safety Building debt service. Administrator Johnson stated that he would bring back a recommendation for county health insurance next week. Commissioner Masterson and the Board discussed the population growth as it relates to the budget growth. The Board talked about adding a sales tax question to the November ballot.

Ron Roberts, County Clerk, reminded the Commissioners that canvassing of the Primary Election would be on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Woydziak asked about advanced voting numbers. Mr. Roberts said it was a little over 1,000 this year, which doubles the 2004 Primary Election. Mr. Roberts and the Board discussed having advanced voting poll sites in the cities.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the vouchers for August 4, 2008 in the amount of \$530,593.77. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1 – RECEIVE KENNETH CRAIG TO DISCUSS PROPOSED INDOOR ARENA

This item was not discussed. Mr. Kenneth Craig did not attend the meeting.

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

Commissioner Waldorf shared information he brought back from NACo regarding dealing with Jail Administrators and health care for inmates. He noted NACo's grant clearinghouse and wanted to make sure the County is applying for grants that could be used for Courthouse projects.

Commissioner Woydziak commented on the meeting last Thursday night, July 31, with the schools, cities, and fire districts regarding the new communication program costs. This meeting was also open to the public.

Administrator Johnson shared an estimate in the amount of \$22,059 for the microwave radio tower upgrades at the jail.

Commissioner Woydziak asked about the status of the overspray issue with Pro-Kleen. Administrator Johnson said he believed that Pro-Kleen would be relocating to Towanda.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.