

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, January 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER – LATE START DUE TO REAP

Commission Chairman Randy Waldorf called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:10 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf. The Meeting was slightly delayed due to Commissioner Masterson speaking privately with a Constituent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Masterson noted that the Minutes of Tuesday, January 8th needed to be amended. On Item #4 regarding the Johnson property, it was he who voted no, not Commissioner Woydziak.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, January 7, 2008 as written and Tuesday, January 8, 2008 as amended. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – REORGANIZATION OF BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSION

A. CONSIDER SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to elect Commissioner Woydziak as Chairman for the 2008 year. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. CONSIDER SELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to elect Commissioner Masterson as Vice-Chairman for the 2008 year. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

Commissioner Waldorf recessed the Board meeting at 10:15 a.m. for 5 minutes to reposition themselves at the Commission Desk so that the new Chairman could be seated in the appropriate position.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Woydziak reconvened the Board meeting at 10:20 a.m.

ITEM #2 – PRESENT DAVE WEHRY, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS TECH II, WITH A SPOTLIGHT AWARD AND GIFT CERTIFICATE

William Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to present Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Tech II, Dave Wehry, with the Spotlight Award and a gift certificate to a local merchant. On Sunday, December 23, 2007, Dave went independently and without being asked to assist with extra snow removal. While working that day, to help assist with the 911 shift change, he took the time to remove snow from the vehicles of the 911 workers and to clear walking paths. Some of these workers are handicapped and it was of a great benefit to them. He worked for 11 ½ hours that day. Mr. Wehry has been a great person to work with and is always helpful. He has done an outstanding act that others felt needed to be recognized.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ALLOCATE \$5,000.00 FOR THE ANNUAL GOVERNOR’S TURKEY HUNT

William Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to consider the annual appropriation to the One-Shot Turkey Hunt in the amount of \$5,000 for the sponsorship of the portfolio. Advertising of the County to visiting businessman and individuals attending this event is essential in the creation of economic development activities. The money will be paid from the wind farm funds associated with Economic Development Activities.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve funding of \$5,000 to the Kansas Governor’s Turkey Hunt in the amount of \$5,000 to be paid from the Economic Development Fund. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention. Commissioner Carpenter abstained due to him being on the Board of Directors for the Hunt.

ITEM #4 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

This item was tabled due to the illness of David Alfaro.

ITEM #5 – WORK SESSION – COMMISSION MEETINGS ON THE ROAD

Commissioner Waldorf presented the thought that the lack of attendance at these meetings showed a lack of interest from the public. Commissioner Carpenter noted that it is a good thing to make themselves available to the public and that the low attendance should be viewed as a lack of problems to discuss, not necessarily a lack of interest. After discussion, the Board concurred to continue these meetings with more advertising for each meeting this year. Commissioner Woydziak asked Mr. Johnson to make a schedule for these meetings. Mr. Johnson asked each Commissioner which city in their district they would like to hold a meeting. He will report back next week with the schedule.

ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION – TOPEKA CHAMBER DINNER

This will be held on Wednesday, February 20th. Administrator Johnson and the Board will be attending. They will leave El Dorado at 3:00 p.m. to travel to Topeka.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the vouchers for January 14, 2008 in the amount of \$320,910.93. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Waldorf asked Darryl Lutz about some road conditions around the County, especially a section of SW 100th.

Commissioner Waldorf asked Mr. Johnson about the County’s involvement in the train wreck that occurred over the weekend. Mr. Johnson stated that there were several Butler County Responders involved. Fortunately, there was not a hazardous waste spill with this incident.

Commissioner Waldorf inquired about the newspaper article regarding the doctor being held in the Butler County Jail. He stated that although the Marshals were responsible for the negative press, there was a jailor involved who may have been speaking out of line.

Commissioner Waldorf noted the e-mail from Ann Carpenter regarding Bowling for Kid’s Sake.

The Board chose to participate on March 29th @ 1:00 p.m. at the El Dorado bowling alley.

Commissioner Masterson noted that the developers of the Stearman Estates might be coming to the Board with issues concerning the water supply to this development in Benton.

Commissioner Carpenter gave an update on the REAP Meeting from this morning. He noted that the “affordable airfares program” has been proving successful. The use of this program encourages economic growth in this area. Commissioner Carpenter also gave an update on the REAP Water Committee. He felt that a staff member should be appointed to attend these meetings. Commissioner Woydziak asked Mr. Johnson to speak with David Alfaro concerning attendance at these meetings.

Commissioner Wheeler noted the following calendar dates:

January 14th - El Dorado Chamber Dinner
January 22nd - El Dorado, Inc. Annual Meeting
January 22nd - Evening with Tour Butler County
January 28th - Economic Round Table for El Dorado
March 18th - Annual Township Meeting

Commissioner Woydziak reminded the Board of the upcoming NACO Conference. We need to know tomorrow who will be going so that flight plans can be made tomorrow.

Commissioner Woydziak noted the Butler Road Meeting to be held at the Rose Hill Fire Station on Thursday, January 17th. This is not a public hearing. This meeting is just to gather information. The public hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

Commissioner Carpenter stated that Fred Kropf contacted him to report that the City of El Dorado has dropped the annexation proceedings on his property at this time. He owns more acres than what the City can annex. Mr. Carpenter stated that Mr. Kropf was elated.

Administrator Johnson brought to the Board a request from Creative Community Living to receive the support of the County Commissioners on a \$4,000 Transportation Grant Application from KDOT. Mr. Johnson noted that this request is for support only and no funds are involved.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve CCL’s actions to apply for funding through KDOT for transportation assistance in Butler County. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Johnson stated that Bill Mason contacted him and requested his attendance at the Chamber Meeting on January 15th to discuss the Veteran’s Day Celebration plans. He explained that a lot of the people involved are older in age and they are seeking those who are younger to get involved in this celebration. Mr. Johnson noted to the Board that he could pledge his support but not his time. Commissioner Woydziak recommended contacting members of the Patriot Guard.

Administrator Johnson noted the meeting with the Butler County Museum on Thursday, January 17th @ 1:00 p.m. He and Commissioner Wheeler will be attending.

Administrator Johnson recommended to the Board that Darryl Lutz attend the NACO Conference. Mr. Johnson felt it would be very beneficial to have Mr. Lutz in attendance at this conference. The Board concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:18 a.m.
Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioners visited the Towanda Senior Center for lunch at 11:45 a.m.