

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, July 1, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:10 a.m. (The Board waited for Commissioner Waldorf who was attending a meeting with Augusta Progress, Inc.) Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A FUNDING REQUEST OF \$2,500 FROM BOTH THE EL DORADO AND AUGUSTA MAIN STREET PROGRAMS

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to discuss a funding request of \$2,500 from both the El Dorado and Augusta Main Street Programs. Julie Roller, Downtown Augusta, and Andrea Coleman, El Dorado Main Street, came before the Board to request support. The funding is to come from the Wind Farm money dedicated to Economic Development.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the request by the Main Street Programs of both Augusta and El Dorado for financial assistance in the amount of \$2,500 for each organization to be paid from the Economic Development Wind Farm money. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to recess the Board to Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. for 15 minutes, with the public session resuming at 9:35 a.m., to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs of trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trust, and individual proprietorships of an economic development project to protect data confidential in nature to a business. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Those in attendance were Commissioners Carpenter, Masterson, Waldorf, Wheeler, Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Economic Development Director David Alfaro, and State Representative Ty Masterson.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Woydziak reconvened the Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve a funding request for funds related to architectural analysis on an economic development prospect in Andover in the amount of \$15,000 to be paid from economic development money. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – DISCUSSION ON FOUR DAY WORK WEEK

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to discuss a four-day work week for Butler County employees. Administrator Johnson and the Board discussed advantages and disadvantages of a four-day work week.

Carol Borger, Health Department Administrator, came before the Board and commented that the Health Department employees would see a savings in fuel costs, and the four-day work week would offer later clinic appointment times.

Ron Roberts, County Clerk, came before the Board and noted that having the courthouse open 5 10-hour days a week wouldn't work for the smaller departments and thinks there is a big advantage in working four days a week and being closed on Friday. Mr. Roberts said this has been a big topic of discussion in Kansas for the last few months. He said there are 15 or 20 counties looking at going to four day work weeks. He noted that at least half a dozen counties have gone to four-day work weeks, and four counties have chosen to close the courthouse on Fridays.

The consensus of the Board was for Administrator Johnson to look into this further and return with more information.

RECESS

Commissioner Woydziak recessed the Board meeting at 10:05 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

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

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – CENTENNIAL UPDATE

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board for the Centennial update. Administrator Johnson said memorabilia items would be available for sale during the centennial celebration. He stated that there are issues with the front steps and some of the trees in the front lawn. John Prigmore, PKHLS, is wanting to bid the work for the steps on Friday, July 11. He said he can get the same exact stone at a quarry that has been open since 1865 in Carthage, Missouri. To expedite the process, Administrator Johnson suggested PKHLS open the bids and review them and bring the bids before the Board in a special meeting on Wednesday, July 16. Administrator Johnson noted that he would like construction started by August 1 and finished by the end of August. Larry Hatteburg with KAKE 10 will be the Master of Ceremonies.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – FACILITIES

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the facilities for Butler County offices. This will be an agenda item next week.

APPROVAL OF ADDS AND ABATES

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2355 dated July 1, 2008. Adds in the amount of \$698.76 and Abates in the amount of \$5,479.24. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Waldorf asked about the final valuation numbers for Augusta.

Administrator Johnson and the Board discussed the Refinery's tax appeal.

Commissioner Waldorf had an inquiry about an exemption for the landfill for someone returning from Iraq.

Commissioner Woydziak said FEMA would be here to meet with the townships on July 18, 2008.

Commissioner Woydziak said he attended the City of El Dorado workshop regarding Country Acres Sewer District #8. Commissioner Woydziak noted that a formal vote on this issue would be taken on July 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:55 a.m.

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