

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, June 23, 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, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Woydziak noted to the Board that the Clerk Recorder had been notified of the correct spelling of Calvin Hinde and his address of 101 S. Lincoln in the Minutes of Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and that the corrections had been made.

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meeting of Monday, June 16, 2008 as amended. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention. Commissioner Woydziak abstained due to the fact that he was absent on June 16th.*

**ITEM #1 – RECEIVE ROGER HANNAFORD, CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT #70 REPRESENTATIVE**

Roger Hannaford, Republican Candidate for District 70 Representative, came before the Board to introduce himself and his candidacy for the 70<sup>th</sup> and to acquaint himself with those Commissioners who are in that district. Commissioners Waldorf, Carpenter, and Wheeler are within the 70<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hannaford stated that Don Dahl, the current Representative, had contacted him and asked him to run. He felt this was an honor and he assured Mr. Dahl that he would do a good job for the 70<sup>th</sup> if elected. Commissioner Waldorf noted that he has known Mr. Hannaford for many years and was glad to see him running for this office. Commissioner Waldorf stated that he felt Mr. Hannaford would do a good job in representing the 70<sup>th</sup> District.

**ITEM #2 – PRESENT KATHY MILLER AND CHRIS SHAFT, EMS DEPARTMENT, WITH A SPOTLIGHT AWARD AND GIFT CERTIFICATE**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to present the Spotlight Award to Kathy Miller and Chris Shaft, EMS Department for their leadership, dedication, coordination, and planning of the EMS Kids Camp 2008. Commissioner Woydziak presented them with their award and gift certificate. Administrator Johnson thanked them for their efforts.

**ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE EMS DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT TO OBTAIN A RAPID DEPLOYMENT KIT-SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

Darrell Kohls, Butler County EMS, came before the Board on behalf of Grant Helferich, Director of EMS, for approval to apply for a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program Grant to obtain a Rapid Deployment Kit-Surveillance System. There is no cost to the County.

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the EMS Department to apply for the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program Grant to obtain a Rapid Deployment Kit-Surveillance System. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #4 – RECEIVE KATHY GUY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO BRIEFLY DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A DATABASE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT FOR BUTLER AND COWLEY COUNTIES**

Kathy Guy, Assistant Director for Emergency Management, came before the Board to discuss the creation of a database of emergency services equipment for Butler and Cowley Counties. Homeland Security has directed the State of Kansas to begin compiling a database of available emergency equipment that correlates to the National Incident Management Resource Typing system for use in requesting resources during disaster situations.

*Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the contract for a database of emergency services equipment for Butler and Cowley Counties and allow the Chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #5 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH AND DRAFT AN RFP FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COURTHOUSE PHONE SYSTEM**

Scott Stoskopf, Computer Services Director, came before the Board for approval of the Technology Committee to research and draft an RFP for the replacement of the courthouse phone system. The systems in the Historic Courthouse, the East Annex, & the Judicial Building are in need of replacement. The phones from these buildings will be kept for parts to make repairs when needed for the remaining systems. The RFP would include an option to tie in the other locations to the new system in the future. The current system was purchased with 7 years of expected usefulness. The system has been in place for almost 12 years and is no longer manufactured. Replacement parts are only available from old inventory, refurbished equipment, or the used market. The phone system replacement has been estimated at \$350,000 for a Cisco VoIP.

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to allow the Technology Committee to research and proceed with a phone system replacement RFP. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION – UPDATE ON BRIDGE DAMAGE**

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Public Works Director, came before the Board to give an update on the bridge damage that occurred due to the heavy rains that fell Sunday evening June 15<sup>th</sup> and again on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. At least two bridges were washed out to the point of being no longer in service and several other bridges will require significant repair work to their roadway approaches. The Public Works Department will be working with FEMA to determine if any federal assistance will be available for bridge replacement work. Commissioner Woydziak will be touring with Mr. Lutz on the afternoon of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to view the damage.

Commissioner Wheeler informed Mr. Lutz of a job well done by his employee Mike Craft in the handling of the sinkhole located down by Beaumont.

**ITEM #7 – WORK SESSION – FACILITY NEEDS**

Administrator Johnson presented the Board with an overview of the facility regarding space & storage needs. He noted those needs that had been met. Mr. Johnson stated that \$80,000 has been calculated into the proposed CIP for construction of a 30 x 80 addition to the east side of the Bus

Barn for document storage. Administrator Johnson stated that the two immediate needs were for document storage and election machine storage.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for June 23, 2008 in the amount of \$452,989.54. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

Commissioner Masterson inquired if Administrator Johnson could compile a summary of money spent on travel and meals as a countywide organization for 2007. Administrator Johnson stated he would have that prepared for the Board.

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

Commissioner Wheeler inquired if Buildings & Grounds mowed the lawns or was it hired done. Mr. Wheeler stated that he had seen it being done over the weekend and was curious. Administrator Johnson stated that Buildings & Grounds hires high school kids to do the mowing. The reason for seeing activity over the weekend is due to the need to do the mowing between all the rains we have been receiving.

Commissioner Wheeler stated that Dr. Kuhns is interested in the in house medical services provided at the jail. Administrator Johnson asked Commissioner Wheeler to share that with Sheriff Craig Murphy.

Commissioner Wheeler noted the article stating that Sedgwick County hires high school kids as poll workers. He felt this was a good way to get the young people involved in the process. Ron Roberts, County Clerk, noted that this has been met with limited success in Butler County. Mr. Roberts stated that he did have an ad going out at the College for election help.

Commissioner Carpenter referred to the letter received from John Grange regarding the number of accidents that happen along Hwy 254 near Towanda. Commissioner Carpenter stated that he has been in contact with the Towanda City Commissioners concerning this matter. Commissioner Carpenter stated that even though there are stop signs in place, maybe a further help would be to place "look twice" signs prior to the stop signs approaching 254.

Commissioner Carpenter discussed with the Board the issue of the County taking a taxpayer before BODA when they have won their appeal. The Board concurred that if a taxpayer appeals and wins it should be left at that. The Board agreed to discuss this further at a later date.

Commissioner Masterson discussed with the Board Rural Water District #5 and its servicing issues. Commissioner Masterson noted that the problems that Stearman Estates in Benton has been experiencing with RWD #5 is now happening in Andover and the Prairie Creek Addition. Commissioner Masterson stated that he felt that the Board should support the cities.

Commissioner Waldorf stated that it appears that the Augusta Valuations may not have gone down 5%, but actually may have increased slightly. After discussion, the Board concurred that valuations should not be released until verified. Administrator Johnson stated that he agreed with this decision. The valuations will be available July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Woydziak informed the Board the Rose Hill Senior Center is looking for a new Director.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board that the City of El Dorado has requested to hold the work session to discuss the sewer district issue on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> instead of July 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Woydziak is available to attend on this date. The Board concurred to also attend on July 7<sup>th</sup> when the public is given opportunity to speak.

Administrator Johnson notified the Board that Senate Bill 2590 did get approved for sales tax for communications and road projects.

Administrator Johnson noted a letter received from KDHE regarding air quality standards for ozone in the County. Administrator Johnson wanted the Board to be aware of this letter, as this will likely be an unfunded mandate that the County will be responsible for.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Waldorf motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:03 a.m.*

*Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*

**\*\*The Commission attended the luncheon at the Augusta Senior Center at 11:45 a.m.\*\***