

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, May 12, 2008

The Board canvassed the Augusta USD 402 School Bond mail ballot election at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 10:00 A.M. (LATE START DUE TO REAP)

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 10:16 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Tammy Bridges.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, May 5, 2008 and Tuesday, May 6, 2008 as written. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – RECEIVE DAN PETERS TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE TAXING

Dan Peters came before the Board to discuss real estate taxing. He said his valuation went up 11.7%. Mr. Peters presented information to the Board regarding housing, land prices, home inventory, affordability, credit market debt, family income position, and recession. Commissioner Carpenter said the guidelines are set by the state and the Appraiser operates under state statutes. Mr. Peters commented that as time goes on, everyone is going to have to tighten their belts. No action was taken.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ICI/EMC PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY CASUALTY/WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Mark Detter, Finance Director, came before the Board for approval of ICI/EMC proposal for Property Casualty/Worker's Compensation. After reviewing ICI's proposals for property casualty and worker's compensation through EMC, and KCAMP and KWORC proposals, staff has determined EMC will meet our current insurance needs for both Property Casualty and Workers Compensation. The total ICI proposal is for \$574,498 for Property Casualty/Worker's Compensation. The County could save approximately \$15,000 by staying with current liability coverage of \$500,000; however, staff does not believe this is advisable due to certain coverage needs of the County. Administrator Johnson discussed the post offer screening that has been implemented in the hiring process.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to authorize staff to finalize insurance contracts with ICI for Property/Casualty and Worker's Compensation insurance for a price not to exceed \$574,498. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – FINANCIAL REVIEW OF WIND FARM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESERVE FUNDS

Administrator Will Johnson and Intern Matt Lawn presented a summary of the economic development fund, community projects, and general reserve fund. No action was taken.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – UPDATE ON WIND FARM ESCROW AGREEMENT

Administrator Will Johnson and Intern Matt Lawn presented information on the Decommissioning Agreement. No action was taken.

ITEM #5 – WORK SESSION – SEWER DISTRICT #8 UPDATE

Administrator Johnson stated that a meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. to meet with the residents to discuss Sewer District #8. No action was taken.

Administrator Johnson noted that the Quad County meeting would be on June 16 at Prairie Rose.

Administrator Johnson commented that the City of Wichita has postponed the theatre where the Diamond W Ranglers were to perform.

ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION – COMMISSION OBJECTIVES

Administrator Johnson presented a list of the 2008-2009 Butler County Commission Objectives. Some of the more recent objectives include Human Resource Manager, Centennial Celebration, Implementing the Communications Plan, and replacing the front steps at the Courthouse. No action was taken.

Administrator Johnson stated that Dr. Kuhn's office would not be renewing the jail contract next year.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the vouchers for May 12, 2008 in the amount of \$405,719.18. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF ADDS AND ABATES

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2347 dated May 12, 2008. Adds in the amount of \$499.00 and Abates in the amount of \$3,085.34. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Wheeler asked about the Bill Johnson property. Administrator Johnson and Commissioner Wheeler will set up a time to view the property.

Commissioner Wheeler mentioned National Law Enforcement Week in Augusta. Commissioner Waldorf stated he would attend the breakfast at the middle school.

Commissioner Carpenter asked about the Retreat. Administrator Johnson said the Sheriff's Department raided the Retreat on Friday night and took 7 people to jail for illegal behavior. Administrator Johnson stated that Attorney Charlie O'Hara was charged with battery at the jail for throwing keys at an officer.

Commissioner Carpenter said at the REAP meeting they discussed taking a list of regional projects to the legislature. John Waltner is the new chair of REAP replacing Tom Winters and Commissioner Carpenter is the vice-chair.

Commissioner Carpenter reported that the letter regarding certain fire district personnel storing personal equipment was to no avail. Administrator Johnson will draft another letter.

Commissioner Waldorf had a voucher question regarding some purchases by employees with county purchase cards.

Commissioner Waldorf reminded the Board of the commission meeting in Towanda tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Woydziak said Commissioner Carpenter and he attended the KCCA meetings where immigration, energy, and non-smoking ordinances were discussed.

Commissioner Woydziak said he would be attending the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. on the Butler Road project.

Administrator Johnson stated that the Board would be attending lunch at the Potwin Senior Center on Monday, May 19 at noon.

Administrator Johnson rescheduled the Sycamore Township meeting on the Fox Lake issue to Wednesday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Administrator Johnson stated that the number of tax appeals filed is down this year by approximately 800 from last year.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 12:10 p.m.

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