

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:03 a.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Executive Assistant Sandy Zieman. Commissioner Mike Wheeler was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, October 6, 2008 and Tuesday, October 7, 2008 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FLINT HILLS SERVICES GRANT CONTRACT

Mark Detter, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Office came before the board for approval of the amendment to the Flint Hills Services Grant Contract. Flint Hills Services has altered the building project for the new day facility and workshop. They have acquired a new location. The new location will be located in the El Dorado Business Park at 505 South Walnut Valley Drive. The reason for the new location is due to the City of El Dorado moving forward with a major project at the old location on North Haverhill Road. Since the project site changed, Flint Hills Services decided to construct a larger building that could accommodate all activities.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the amended Grant Contract with the State Commerce Department, Butler County and Flint Hills Services and allow the Chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Commissioner Carpenter abstaining.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SEVERAL TRACTS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE SW 210TH STREET PROJECT

Darryl Lutz, County Engineer, came before the board for approval of purchase of several tracts of right-of-way dedications related to the SW 210th Street reconstruction project west of Douglass. The purchase offers are based upon values and damages previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The right-of-way cost is based upon \$4,000 per acre for tracts off of parcels larger than 20 acres in size and \$6,000 per acre for tracts off of parcel 20 acres or less in size.

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the purchase and acceptance of right-of-way dedications for tracts of permanent right-of-way as presented for KDOT Project No. 8C-3687-01, the SW 210th Street road reconstruction project west of Douglass and authorize the Chair to sign the associated documents. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF GUARDRAIL MATERIALS FOR A SMALL BRIDGE PROJECT NORTH OF EL DORADO

Darryl Lutz, County Engineer, came before the board for approval of the purchase of guardrail materials for a small bridge project north of El Dorado. The County from time to time will replace bridge size structures that may require the installation of approach guardrail. At least one of the structures being built in this year's culvert letting will require guardrail which will be installed by County crews. Three vendors provided quotes for the requested guardrail materials.

Highway Safety Solutions	\$8,424
Welborn Supply	\$9,868
Midwest Machinery & Supply	\$9,961

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the purchase of guard rail materials for the Public Works Department from Highway Safety Solutions for a delivered price of \$8,424.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Darryl Lutz, County Engineer, also requested the purchase of barricades for use in the Public Works Department. He stated several barricades have been stolen or disappeared during the recent floods and is in need of purchasing barricades to replace them. Bids have been received from:

Paving Maintenance Supply	\$6,032.80
National Sign Company	\$6,073.90
Hall Signs	\$7,590.60

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve the purchase of barricades from Paving Maintenance Supply in the amount of \$6,032.80. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Woydziak inquired from Mr. Lutz the required height of a speed limit or stop sign. Mr. Lutz stated the bottom of the sign must be five feet or higher above the elevation of the edge of the road.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS FUNDING

Administration Johnson came before the board asking for direction for the funding of the communications project. Administrator Johnson stated there were three options for funding this project: property tax, sales tax or breaking out the cost of the project to all entities involved. Administrator Johnson stated option three would not be a feasible way to fund this project and have it succeed. It was the consensus of the board to have Administrator Johnson develop a funding document showing all options, with the sales tax as the primary funding source and property tax as the secondary source. Commissioner Masterson, Waldorf, and Woydziak both agreed the sales tax is the only viable option for this project.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to approve the vouchers for October 13, 2008 in the amount of \$461,512.78. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Waldorf informed the board he would miss the Whitewater Senior Center luncheon tomorrow.

Commissioner Masterson stated he would forward information he has received from the Andover Historical Society to the Commission concerning a request for additional funding.

Commission Waldorf informed the board that he and Administrator Johnson met with Bill Keefer and J. J. Allen from the City of Augusta regarding several different issues. The Public Safety Building in Augusta was one of the concerns. They have agreed to review the existing lease and consider amending the lease to suit both entities, and bringing back to the governing bodies for discussion.

Commissioner Carpenter asked about the discussion regarding the Tour Butler Signs. The board indicated this project could apply for assistance through the Windfarm monies. The application is due by the end of the month.

Administrator Johnson stated he would be scheduling recycling meetings with all of the cities in Butler County. He asked if the Board would like to go together as a board or as individual districts. The consensus of the Board was to go as individual districts. Administrator Johnson will start scheduling the meetings.

Administrator Johnson stated he has received a letter from Mrs. Donges regarding an illegal RV site. Administrator Johnson has asked the Planning and Zoning Department to investigate the allegations.

Commissioner Woydziak asked about the status of Mrs. Harms' property. Darryl Lutz, County Engineer, stated they were unsuccessful in acquiring additional property to allow for an on-site sewage system. There are only two options: a forced ejector system or eliminating the use of the bathroom downstairs. The Board asked that Mr. Lutz communicate with her via a letter the County's direction once after it has been reviewed by County Counsel.

Administration Johnson discussed with the board an article in last Friday's newspaper concerning a claim being made that an individual could not get through on our 911 system. The 911 center has researched what they believe is the call in question and found there was technical difficulty on that particular call. The ANI (Automatic Number Identifier) was used and the dispatcher was able to have the caller back on the line within 1 ½ minutes of the call. The call came from a Verizon cell phone. They are investigating if this was a glitch with our system or the cell phone provider. Chris Davis, Emergency Communications Director, indicated that he recently emailed the City Manager of El Dorado to ensure this was the call referenced, but has not received a response to the email.

Darryl Lutz, County Engineer, informed the board of an accident which happened last Friday in the Public Works Department. A mowing tractor rolled in the Northeast part of the County. They are following up on the accident to see how this happened. The employee in this case was an experienced driver and they are researching to see how this accident occurred.

Administrator Johnson stated the Department Head Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, October 17th starting at 6:30 p.m. at his home.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.