

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Jeff Masterson called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Bruce Harris, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, 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, February 9, 2009 as written and Tuesday, February 10, 2009 as amended to correct a spelling error. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER APPROVAL AND ALLOW THE CHAIR TO SIGN A PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING FAMILY DAY, THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY SEPTEMBER, TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to consider signing a Proclamation establishing Family Day, the fourth Monday of every September, to be held on September 28, 2009.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to recommend approval and allow the chair to sign the Proclamation establishing Family Day, the fourth Monday of every September, to be held on September 28, 2009. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #2 – RECEIVE MR. CHRIS SNIDER, BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING COMPANY, TO DISCUSS THE CARBON CREDIT PROGRAM AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR BUTLER COUNTY

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to introduce Ms. Cynthia Mitchell, Midwest Assistance Program, and Mr. Chris Snider, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, to discuss the carbon credit program and the potential benefits for Butler County. There was discussion regarding an RFP and the cost to upgrade the flare. The Board received the information presented and it was the consensus of the Board for staff to move forward. No action was taken.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2009 COUNTY-WIDE CLEANUP PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING APRIL 18 THRU APRIL 25 FOR COUNTYWIDE CLEANUP

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of the 2009 Countywide Cleanup Program and designating April 18 thru April 25 for Countywide cleanup.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the 2009 Policy on County Cleanup Events and designate the week of April 18 through April 25, 2009 for Countywide Cleanup. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #4 – CONSIDER SETTING A DATE FOR HEARING RELATED TO CLOSING A PORTION OF SW 90TH STREET WEST OF SW PURITY SPRINGS ROAD IN SPRING TOWNSHIP

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to consider setting a date for a hearing related to closing a portion of SW 90th St. west of SW Purity Springs Rd. in Spring Township. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hoefgen, owners of land in Spring Township, have requested that a portion of SW 90th St. that dead ends on their property be closed and vacated.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve setting a public notice date of Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. to consider vacating a portion of SW 90th St. going west from SW Purity Springs Rd. in Spring Township and authorize the publication and mailing of legal notice. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Wheeler asked about the Harms' property. Mr. Lutz said the lot is too small for an on-site septic system with a lateral field and he will be speaking to County Counsel regarding this issue.

Commissioner Woydziak asked if there has been any contact with KDOT on the stimulus package. Mr. Lutz discussed a legislative update he received. Administrator Johnson stated that the bill the Governor is expected to sign tomorrow night includes additional funding for those counties that received underpayment through the Special Highway fund. Butler County's allocation of that was about \$900,000 and the County Government's share will be approximately \$300,000.

ITEM #6 – CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR VISION AUGUSTA

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board for approval of a resolution supporting Vision Augusta.

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve Resolution No. 09-09 stating Butler County's support of Vision Augusta. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 9:45 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 9:50 a.m.

ITEM #5 – RECEIVE RILEY WALTERS, NOXIOUS WEED DIRECTOR FOR PRESENTATION OF THE 2008 ANNUAL REPORT AND THE 2009 NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Riley Walters, Noxious Weed Department Director, came before the Board to present the 2008 Annual Report and the 2009 Noxious Weed Management Plan.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to allow the Chair to sign the Management Plan and all the Commissioners sign the Annual Report for submission to the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the vouchers for February 17, 2009 in the amount of \$189,913.58. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Waldorf motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2382 dated February 17, 2009; Adds in the amount of \$377.62 and Abates in the amount of \$3,223.36. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Wheeler asked Administrator Johnson to keep the Board updated regarding the Retreat located east of El Dorado. Administrator Johnson said this issue is a high priority.

Commissioner Wheeler asked about the County carrying a higher percentage of reserves.

Commissioner Harris noted that Sedgwick County is talking about the Greater Wichita Economic Development Council (GWEDC) and Butler County may have conversations about this as well.

Commissioner Masterson noted that the tour of the Andover YMCA is February 24, 2009 and the Township Meeting will be on March 24, 2009.

Commissioner Woydziak asked what the County pays to subsidize the law enforcement costs for the Cities of Douglass, Potwin, and Whitewater.

Commissioner Woydziak noticed that KDOT is moving forward in cleaning up a salvage yard in Miami County that has spanned seven years of legal efforts.

Commissioner Waldorf has a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Nicely.

Commissioner Waldorf stated that constituent in Leon said it was “snowing” grain from Fleming’s Grain Elevator on Main St.

Commissioner Waldorf stated that there is a dinner tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Butler Community College to discuss issues affecting the college and the county.

Administrator Johnson discussed the building on railroad property in Andover regarding Mr. Snodgrass and asked if the commissioners would like to rent the building on a month-to-month basis to another individual who has storage in the building. The Board discussed and decided to move forward with the eviction and tear the building down if the applicant did not want to enter into a one year lease.

Administrator Johnson commented that on Friday he would be meeting with the Rose Hill Police Chief and Board members to interview for a Fire Chief in Rose Hill since Danny Armstrong is retiring.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.