

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, January 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Jeff Masterson called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 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 Meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2009 as written. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #1 – CONSIDER AN ORDER FOR VACATING A PORTION OF THE OLD K-196 ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY NEAR HOPKINS SWITCH IN EL DORADO TOWNSHIP

Darryl Lutz, P.E., Director of Public Works, came before the Board to consider an order for vacating a portion of the old K-196 road right-of-way near Hopkins Switch in El Dorado Township. Richard Chase has submitted a petition requesting the vacating of approximately 1 mile of the old K-196 highway between NW 30th and NW 40th St. The viewers were in favor of closing said road subject to providing an easement for a water line belonging to the City of Potwin. An easement has been executed by the Chase's granting a 40' water line easement to the City of Potwin.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to find in favor of the report of viewers to vacate approximately 1 mile of the old K-196 highway between NW 30th and NW 40th St., to order the road to be closed and the right-of-way vacated and to authorize the Chair to sign said order. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #2 – WORK SESSION – 2009 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the 2009 Legislative Agenda. No action was taken.

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – 2009 OBJECTIVES

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the 2009 Short Term and Long Term Objectives. No action was taken.

RECESS

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 10:25 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – 2009 RETREAT

Will Johnson, Administrator, came before the Board to discuss the 2009 Retreat. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the vouchers for January 26, 2009 in the amount of \$650,540.09. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Waldorf stated that he received an invitation to the Conservation District Dinner. Commissioners Harris and Wheeler are checking their availability.

Commissioner Waldorf asked if there were state funds available to pay for the elevator. Mark Detter, Finance Director, said we are applying for state funds.

Ron Roberts, County Clerk, came before the Board to discuss the township budgets over \$150,000 and auditing requirements.

Commissioner Woydziak asked for an update on the Harms property.

Commissioner Harris stated that he met with a constituent last week involving property valuation. Administrator Johnson said he is researching this and will talk with the Appraiser.

Commissioner Harris asked about the Township meeting to be held at the El Dorado Civic Center on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.

Commissioner Harris stated that he would be attending the Frontier Refinery event tonight. Administrator Johnson and Commissioner Wheeler noted that they would attend also.

Commissioner Wheeler said he would be attending the Relay for Life activity tonight after the Frontier Refinery event.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to appoint Carlyon Rose-Thompson as the Bruno Township Treasurer. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to appoint Joseph Thomas, Jr. as the Bruno Township Clerk. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mark Detter, Finance Director, came before the Board to note that the minimum convenience fee for use of a credit card or debit card at the Landfill will be 75 cents. All other convenience fees for transactions will be \$1.50. In the Motor Vehicle Office and Treasurer Office, the fee for using a Visa debit card will be \$3.95. For all other credit cards or debit cards a fee of 2.45% will be added. The Treasurer has requested that we do not accept American Express at this time.

Mark Detter stated that the Flinthills Services Board had an opening in District 5 and asked for a motion to nominate Ken Heitkotter.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to appoint Ken Heitkotter to the Flinthills Services Board. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Johnson noted that he did not receive a lease agreement regarding the railroad property from Mr. Snodgrass but did receive the lease agreement from Anthony Speer.

Commissioner Masterson stated that he received an e-mail from someone in Kellogg Heights indicating that people are putting fences up and felling trees across the railroad property.

Commissioner Masterson asked about the legal status of the property. Administrator Johnson said it should be treated as private property and the public is not encouraged to utilize it.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:05 a.m.

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