

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 23, 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 Paula Stoskopf.

ITEM #1 – RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSELOR FOR ITEMS DEEMED PRIVILEGED IN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to recess the Board to Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. for 12 minutes, with the public session resuming at 9:15 a.m., for consultation with the County Counselor for items deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship to protect the interests of the County. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Those in attendance were Commissioners Harris, Masterson, Waldorf, Wheeler, Woydziak, Administrator Johnson and County Counselor Norm Manley.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 9:45 a.m. with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

ITEM #5 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BONDS FOR FIRE DISTRICT #8

Kim Bell, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., came before the Board for approval of a resolution authorizing sale of bonds for Fire District #8. In 1996 Fire District #8 built a new Fire Station in Douglass with a bond issued by the County. The original issue was for \$455,000 and the interest rates ranged between 4.8% and 6.0%. The refinancing is projected to save FD #8 approximately \$11,600 and approximately \$1,200 per year on their bond payments until 2016.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Resolution No. 09-27 authorizing the sale of general obligation bonds for Fire District #8. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Masterson invited Mr. Les Hansen; 11829 SE Beaumont Road, to come before the Board to express his concerns. Mr. Hansen requested an update on the removal of the railroad ties located south of Beaumont. He feels they are a hazard. Administrator Johnson stated that both KDH&E and the Railroad Company had been contacted sometime ago concerning this removal, but without success. Mr. Johnson stated that the County did not place the ties in this location and it has been difficult to find out who exactly is responsible for them. They have no salvage value. Commissioner Masterson requested Administrator Johnson to locate parties responsible and supply Mr. Hansen with that contact information. Mr. Hansen also inquired about the closing of a section of 116th Street. This section of road is used by the airplanes to come up from the runway to the motel, but a sign went up some time ago closing the road to vehicle traffic. Commissioner

Masterson asked Administrator Johnson to research this matter also and supply him with information regarding this road.

ITEM #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 65 P25 DIGITAL UPGRADE KITS FOR BUTLER COUNTY RADIOS IDENTIFIED FOR REPLACEMENT UNDER SEDGWICK COUNTY’S REBANDING PROJECT

Jim Neese, Strategic Communications, came before the Board for approval to purchase radio digital upgrade kits. Butler County currently has 150 radios belonging to various public safety departments operating on Sedgwick County’s radio system. Mr. Neese stated that 65 of those radios have qualified for replacement by Spring/Nextel under FCC Ordered Rebanding for Public Safety; however, they will be shipped as ANALOG only and would not be compatible with the future Butler County P25 Radio System. Upgrading these radios to P25 digital will eliminate 65 radios that will need to be purchased for these departments for the new radio system communication project. The cost to upgrade 65 radios is \$41,175.00. This expenditure will eliminate 65 radios to be purchased from the communications project (\$246,435.55) for a minimum net savings of \$205,260.55. This equals to an average purchase price of \$633.46 per radio versus an average of \$3,556.39 per radio.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the purchase of 65 P25 Digital Upgrade kits for Butler County radios identified for replacement under Sedgwick County’s rebanding project for a total cost of \$41,175.00. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$295,000 TO ADD ADDITIONAL 800 MHz MUTUAL AID CHANNELS FOR INBOUND INTEROPERABILITY AND CREATE A STRATEGIC 800 MHz COMMUNICATIONS PATH “BRIDGE” FOR SHERIFF’S COMMUNICATIONS TO JOIN THE STATEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (KSICS)

Jim Neese, Strategic Communications, came before the Board for approval to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$295,000 to immediately add additional 800 MHz mutual aid channels for inbound interoperability and create a strategic 800 MHz communications path “bridge” for Sheriff’s communications to join the statewide communication system (KSICS).

Mr. Neese requested it be noted in the record the due diligence of the Board regarding this communications project. Mr. Neese wanted to convey to the citizens the effort the Board has gone through to be good stewards of the public’s money. To date, there has been a savings of \$2,286,642 due to the slow, deliberate steps of the Board and taking the time to ask questions before spending the money. He stated that the Board has not taken this project lightly and it has been worth the effort. Mr. Neese pointed out that there is the potential to save an additional \$637,981 plus dollars before this project is completed. He thanked the Board for their effort.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve submission of the Edward Byrnes Memorial Justice Assistant Grant Application in the amount of \$295,000. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEM #4 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Rod Compton, Planning and Zoning Director, came before the Board for approval of amendments to the County’s zoning regulations. The regulations that have been considered for amendment are

as follows: (1) A proposal to amend Article 8 which is the RR Rural Residential district regulations to allow developments consisting of more than 3 lots, and to allow each of the lots to be serviced by an on-site sewage system; (2) A proposal to amend Article 18 which is the County's floodplain regulations to bring them into conformity with the new floodplain maps that were scheduled to go into effect on June 2, 2009; and (3) A proposal to amend Article 24, which is the sign regulations, to allow the limited placement of billboards along state and federal highways in the County, and to add a provision to allow directional signs to legally established rural businesses, churches, and other non-profit institutions or facilities.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the proposed changes to Article 24 of the zoning regulations and hereby authorize the Chair to sign Resolution No. 09-26 authorizing the amendments. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECESS

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 10:36 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 10:41 a.m.

ITEM #6 – WORK SESSION – 2010 BUTLER COUNTY BUDGET

David Alfaro, Economic Development Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Economic Development. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Economic Development Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Ruth Fechter, Butler County Treasurer, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Treasurer's Office/Motor Vehicle. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Treasurer's Office/Motor Vehicle Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Chris Davis, 9-1-1 Communications Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for 9-1-1 Communications. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed 9-1-1 Communications Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Jim Neese, Strategic Communications Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Strategic Communications. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Strategic Communications Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Crystal Noles, Department on Aging Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Department on Aging. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Department on Aging Budget for 2010 under consideration.

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

There were no Adds & Abates to present for June 23, 2009.

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

Commissioner Waldorf commented on the meeting to be held by the Butler County Republican Party to discuss tax reform. It will be held on Tuesday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m. Distinguished

speakers will be Dave Trabert and Judge Chuck Hart. Commissioner Masterson stated he would be attending.

Administrator Johnson answered voucher questions from the Board.

RECESS TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION
Commissioner Harris motioned to recess the meeting of the Board at 11:55 a.m. until Wednesday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24.

Craig Murphy, Sheriff, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the Sheriff Department and the Jail. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Sheriff Department and Jail Budgets for 2010 under consideration.

RECESS

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board at 11:00 a.m. for 5 minutes.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board at 11:05 a.m.

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Public Works. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Public Works Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Commissioner Masterson left the Board meeting at 12:05 p.m.

David Kehler, Extension Office Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the Extension Office. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Extension Office Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Pamela Dunham, GIS/Mapping Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for GIS/Mapping. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed GIS/Mapping Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board that Vitality negotiated a contract on behalf of Butler County with the YMCA making them a partnered gym in El Dorado and Andover only.

RECESS TO THURSDAY, JUNE 25 AT 9:00 A.M. FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION
Commissioner Wheeler recessed the Board meeting at 12:25 p.m. until Thursday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 25.

Grant Helferich, Emergency Medical Services Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Emergency Medical Services. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Emergency Medical Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Carol Borger, Health Department Administrator, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the Health Department. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Health Department Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Ann Carpenter, Juvenile Justice Services Administrator, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Juvenile Justice Services. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Juvenile Justice Services Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Ron Roberts, County Clerk, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the County Clerk. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed County Clerk Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Dan Ingalls, Buildings and Grounds Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Buildings and Grounds. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Buildings and Grounds Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Will Johnson, County Administrator, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the County Attorney. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed County Attorney Budget for 2010 under consideration.

RECESS TO FRIDAY, JUNE 26 AT 9:00 A.M. FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 10:55 a.m. until Friday, June 26 at 9:00 a.m.

RECONVENE

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26.

Neal Harrison, District Court, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for District Court. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed District Court Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Rod Compton, Planning and Zoning Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Planning and Zoning. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Planning and Zoning Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Jim Schmidt, Emergency Management Director, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Emergency Management. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Emergency Management Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Will Johnson, Administrator, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for the Appraiser. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Appraiser Budget for 2010 under consideration.

Will Johnson, Administrator, presented the proposed 2010 Budget for Administration. It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed Administration Budget for 2010 under consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Waldorf seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.