

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, September 28, 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 Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Recorder Paula Stoskopf. Commissioner Randy Waldorf was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission Meetings of Monday, September 21, 2009, and Tuesday, September 22, 2009, as written. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Griffin, 250 NE Cole Creek Rd., El Dorado; came before the Board to introduce himself as new owner of the Retreat and his plans for development of this property. Mr. Griffin stated that the first thing he plans to do is change the name due to the past connotations related to this property. He has purchased the lot to the west and is planning to put in a 22 slot RV lot with individual hookups and landscaping. Mr. Griffin approached the Board regarding an equitable solution to the cost of hooking up to the sewer district. Commissioner Wheeler stated that he felt the Board should be helpful in the development of this area. He commented that it would be good to have something positive in this area compared to the past. Commissioner Masterson recommended Mr. Griffin contacting David Alfaro, BCED, to see what options were available there. The Board and Staff will research this issue and discuss a solution next week.

**ITEM #3 – RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY (RIGHT-OF-WAY) TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY**

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to recess the Board to Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. for 5 minutes, with the public session resuming at 9:40 a.m., to discuss right-of-way acquisition; to protect the interests of the County. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Those in attendance were Commissioners Harris, Masterson, Wheeler, Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, and Public Works Director Darryl Lutz.*

**RECONVENE**

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve payment to the Clerk of the District Court in the amount of \$21,000.00 for damages to Breneman for the Whitewater Creek Bridge Project. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

**ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

Commissioner Woydziak requested to have Bob Sage, Chairman of BCSEA, to come before the Board to go over the needs for the Communications Plan to verify that we are not being excessive with the upgrade, yet not just doing a “band-aid” solution either. Administrator Johnson will contact Mr. Sage to schedule him to come next week. Administrator Johnson presented the Board

with the brochure that is being printed. The brochures will be handed out at the Sales Tax Meetings as an informational tool.

### **RECESS**

Commissioner Masterson recessed the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. for 5 minutes.

### **RECONVENE**

Commissioner Masterson reconvened the Board meeting at 10:05 a.m.

### **ITEM #1 – RECEIVE ERIC CHRISTNAT, DOWNTOWN AUGUSTA INC., TO DISCUSS FUNDING REQUEST**

Eric Christnat, Executive Director Downtown Augusta, Inc., was unable to attend the meeting. Lindsay Baines, El Dorado Main Street, represented the City of Augusta.

### **ITEM #2 – RECEIVE LINDSAY BAINES, EL DORADO MAIN STREET, TO DISCUSS FUNDING REQUEST**

Lindsay Baines, Program Director, El Dorado Main Street, came before the Board to discuss a funding request for 2009. Ms. Baines noted that El Dorado Main Street is greatly appreciative for the \$2,500 that was given last year and asked for the same amount for this year. Ms. Baines stated that both Augusta and El Dorado have the same goals in mind for their main streets and the \$2,500 has been beneficial to both programs.

*Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve to Downtown Augusta, Inc. and El Dorado Main Street the request for funding of \$2,500 each. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

The Board asked Jim Neese, Strategic Communications Director, to come before the Board regarding the Communications Plan. Mr. Neese assured the Board that the Communications Plan upgrade is necessary. He also stated that due to the Board's diligence, approximately 4 million dollars have been saved. The original cost was to be 16.9 million, and it is now projected to be 12.9 million.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the vouchers for September 28, 2009, in the amount of \$758,568.93. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

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

Commissioner Wheeler stated that he and Commissioner Harris are preparing for the meeting on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, with the City of El Dorado regarding the Communications Plan.

Commissioner Woydziak congratulated the Mayor of Rose Hill and his group for winning the Mayor Chili Cook-off in Old Town over the weekend.

Administrator Johnson reminded the Board that Government Day is next Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:34 a.m.  
Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*