

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Marc Murphy called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Ed Myers, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Chelsea Noel.

INVOCATION

Pastor Wanetta Baldwin, Community of Christ Church, El Dorado, presented the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Myers provided the following amendment to the last sentence of Item #4: "Although downtown parking can be inconvenient."

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from January 14, 2020, as amended. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:02:36)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(00:02:44)

ITEM #1 – CONTRACT APPROVAL AND SIGNING FOR THE JANITORIAL SERVICE AT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AND EMP BUILDINGS

Dan Ingalls, Facilities Management Director, came before the Board for approval of the contract with City Wide for the contract cleaning of the Community Corrections building and the EMP building. Facilities Management has budgeted \$28,000 per year for the contract cleaning of the Community Corrections and EMP buildings. Community Corrections will pay for this via rent payments. Commissioner Myers asked questions about the contract with City Wide.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the contract with City Wide for the contract cleaning of the Community Corrections and EMP buildings and asked the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:16:30)

ITEM #2 – AWARD BID FOR A FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PICKUP

Dan Ingalls, Facilities Management Director, came before the Board to award the bid of \$26,930.00 from Parks Motors for the purchase of a new ½ ton pickup for Facilities Management.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the purchase of a ½ ton pickup from Parks Motors in the amount of \$26,930.00. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:18:12)

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION FOR ON-LINE TRAINING SOLUTION

Ryan Adkison, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board for a work session to discuss different training options to enhance the safety, knowledge, skills and productivity of Butler County staff. Butler County uses several different training options to enhance the safety, knowledge, skills and productivity of its staff. These could be grouped into web training and on-site training. Web training includes Lezage safety and skills training (via ICI), Fred Pryor, software specific training like Web Ex (e.g., CIC updates) and even YouTube tutorials. On-site training mostly includes industry specific training like legal and technical updates for the Appraiser's Office, KLETC for the Sheriff's Office and KAC classes for Commissioners and staff. Several things have occurred that convince management that a more robust system for training, especially as it relates to safety and liability, would be prudent. Mr. Adkison stated management believes training specific to foundational business skills would be useful for all employees, especially the younger generation entering the workforce, for increasing knowledge in the workforce. Administrator Johnson stated Target Solutions fits the criteria the County is looking for and offers the best product at a fair price. This system would replace our current Lezage and Fred Pryor solutions along with some other off site training. Target Solutions costs \$59.00/user/year, or just over \$20,000. No action was taken.

(00:32:01)

ITEM #4 – LANDFILL FEE REDUCTION REQUEST FOR PROPERTY CLEANUP

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of a request from Donges Properties LLC for a fee reduction on landfill waste from three recently purchased mobile home parks. Donges Properties recently purchased three mobile home parks in Butler County which were in a state of disrepair. Two of the parks are located in the unincorporated area of Butler County adjacent to El Dorado and the third is located in Towanda. Ms. Donges appeared before the board on January 14th requesting a reduction of fees to help assist with the removal of approximately twenty mobile homes and a pile of approximately 100 tires. One of the properties, located on Haverhill, has been in the process of enforcement for six months or more due to the condition of park and the number of uninhabitable mobile homes where currently it is indicated that approximately fifteen need to be removed. Currently the County does not have a specific policy on these type of requests and has only considered such on a case by case basis. In the past the landfill has accepted mobile homes in whole to be demolished on site for \$200 each. Due to recent damages costing approximately \$38,000, to the compactors transmission line while demolishing a mobile home the landfill has been instructed to discontinue this program and now will only accept the trailers if they have been demolished. The material from the trailers can be disposed of in the C&D landfill but they can't contain in personal trash, furnishings or white goods, which must be disposed of in the subtitle D landfill. Costs for disposal of the waste in the subtitle D landfill is \$33/ton, the C&D landfill is \$27/ton and tire disposal fees range from \$2.00 each for car and \$8.00 each for truck tires, with a triple charge if they are on the rim. For this request staff would not recommend a reduction of fees, but recommends a reimbursement of fees based on receipts. The reimbursement would come from general fund monies as the landfill is an enterprise fund and solely supported by fees. Administrator Johnson suggested the Commission establish a fixed amount to be reimbursed based on estimated quantities of debris from the demolition of the trailers. Ms. Donges is also working with KDHE on a grant for cleaning up the property, which would help offset demolition cost, and matching funds could come from the reimbursement of landfill fees as well. Administrator Johnson also suggested tabling action on this item until Ms. Donges speaks with KDHE about the clean-up grant. Commissioner Myers wanted to ensure that our landfill operates efficiently based off of the set fees.

Commissioner Wheeler felt it is important that the Board helped Ms. Donges with the clean-up because very few property owners are willing to buy a property and clean it up to restore the property to a viable living condition like Ms. Donges has done in other areas of the County.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to table this item for two weeks. Commission Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, came before the Board and stated IPS has walked away from the property. Mr. Alfaro noted some small improvements had been made but there are abandoned vehicles, trailers, and the doors to the facility were open but there is no activity at the site. Mr. Alfaro stated legal counsel is still working on the process of the Cease and Desist order.

(01:04:28)

ITEM #5 – FIRE BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to appoint (Amended on January 28, 2020 by Commissioner Myers to read “Lori Carselowey, Dave Weber and Ron Hughes to Fire District #3. Board. Fire District #4 - William Stacey, Susan Grunder, Vacant Position Fire District #5 - Jack Bender, Lauren Keating, Vacant Position Fire District #6 - Ron Peters, Laura Burner, Damian Korte Fire District #7 - Bruce Ratzlaff, Erik Smith Fire District #8 - Lucinda Thomas, Les Braddy, Kevin Combes Fire District #9 - Christy Turner, Marvin Moser, Jason Harrison Fire District #10 - Carol Walters Whitewater Consolidated - Lon Buller, Dan Ravenscraft Cowley County #2 - Walter Wakefield.” Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:06:43)

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve vouchers for January 21, 2020, in the amount of \$529,604.61. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:09:50)

ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2755 dated January 7, 2020; Adds in the amount of \$16,107.62 & Abates in the amount of \$9,246.70. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:10:29)

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

Commission Chairman Murphy attended the Augusta Department of Public Safety dinner on Saturday night.

Commission Chairman Murphy stated he filed to run for re-election for District 2 Commissioner.

Administrator Johnson stated the annual Township meeting is set for Tuesday, March 3rd, and there will not be a Commission meeting that day.

(01:13:25)

ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:13 a.m.
Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.*