

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Jeff Masterson called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Marc Murphy, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Executive Assistant Anna Wealand.

INVOCATION

Pastor David Griffis, Pawnee Ave. Church of God, presented the invocation.

(00:10:12)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021, Butler County Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Pastor Griffis spoke to the Board regarding disaster preparedness.

(00:10:41)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(00:10:54)

ITEM #1 – REQUEST BY ERICK DAHL FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM AG-40 TO RE AS SUBMITTED BY ERICK DAHL ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4606 NE PARALLEL RD., EL DORADO, KS

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, approached the Board to discuss the approval of a request for a change in zoning from AG-40 to RE as submitted by Erick Dahl on property located at 4606 NE Parallel Rd., El Dorado, Kansas. Erick Dahl owns a tract of land that contains 19+/- acres located at 4606 NE Parallel Rd., El Dorado (Prospect Township). The property is located just east of the City of El Dorado's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ.) The applicant is requesting to rezone the 19+/- acres, which would allow him to potentially split the property and allow him to combine the newly created east tract into the adjacent 39+/- acres that Mr. Dahl also owns. There are several tracts of RE zoned property within close proximity to this tract of land and as noted the ETJ of the City of El Dorado is approximately 1/2 mile away to the west. With that being said, Staff would recommend approval of the change in zoning. As required by State Statute Staff notified all landowners within a 1,000 foot radius of the site and did not receive any comments for or against. The Planning Commission approved the request by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve a request for a change in zoning on property located at 4606 NE Parallel Rd. as submitted by Erick Dahl and directed the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 21-01. Commissioner Woydziak seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

(00:13:11)

ITEM #2 – REQUEST FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM AG-40 TO RE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 10650 SW 40TH ST., TOWANDA (TOWANDA TOWNSHIP) AS SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM COUNTERMAN, JR.

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, came before the Board to discuss the approval of a request for a change in zoning from AG-40 to RE on property located at 10650 SW 40th St. Towanda, KS as submitted by William Counterman, Jr. Mr. Counterman, Jr. owns a tract of land that contains 55+/- acres and is located at 10650 SW 40th St., Towanda. The applicant is requesting to rezone the 55+/- acres which will allow him to split the property into two tracts. There is a mixture of both AG-40 and Rural Residential Zoning surrounding the property and staff feels the request would not be detrimental to the area. With that being said, Staff would recommend approval of the change in zoning. As required by State Statute Staff notified all landowners within a 1,000 foot radius were notified of the request and Staff did not receive any comments for or against the request. The Planning Commission approved the request by a vote of 5-0 with one abstention.

Roger Cutsinger, Savoy Company, was present to answer questions.

Administrator Johnson inquired how access would be treated for the proposed lots on this property. Mr. Alfaro replied Mr. Cutsinger has done extensive research regarding that issue and there is a road right of way on the record. Mr. Johnson stated the applicant needs to know a public road needs to be built to county specifications. Commissioner Wheeler inquired about the shape of the lots and the road access. Mr. Alfaro answered Commissioner Wheeler's questions.

Commission Chair Masterson motioned to approve the request for a change in zoning from AG-40 to RE on property located at 10650 SW 40th St., Towanda, as submitted by William Counterman, Jr. and directed the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 21-02. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

(00:16:52)

ITEM #3 – REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS SUBMITTED BY ETHAN BUSENTIZ AND BUTLER ELECTRIC COOP (BEC) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR FARM ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NW CORNER OF NW 110TH ST. AND HIGHWAY 77 BURNS (AG-80 ZONING)

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, came before the Board to discuss the approval of a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the construction of a Solar Farm on property located at the NW corner of NW110th St. and Highway 77 Burns. Ethan Busenitz, in conjunction with BEC, is proposing to construct a 1-Mega Watt Solar Farm on the above noted property which also contains the BEC DeGraff Electric Substation. BEC will purchase 12+/- acres of existing grazing property from Mr. Busenitz in the SE corner of the property. The project will include an interconnection from the Solar Farm to the existing Substation and distribute the power produced to consumers in Burns, DeGraff, Cassoday and Potwin areas. A Solar Farm of this size will generally power up to 270 homes on a sunny day. BEC will have a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Today's Power based out of Little Rock, Arkansas. The PPA will be locked in for twenty-five (25) years, when at that point BEC will either extend the PPA or purchase the Solar Farm outright. The benefits of the project will be the savings for cost of

power. All BEC consumers will benefit by keeping electric rates in check and lowering Peak Power Costs. The DeGraff solar site is one of two sites being proposed by BEC, the other will be in Harvey County. These two sites will be very similar to BEC's Roe Hill site built in 2018, located at SW 140th and Butler Rd., which is also a 1-Mega Watt Farm. The Rose Hill site is the first of its kind to be owned solely by an Electric Cooperative in the State of Kansas. The Benton Solar Farm, located at SW 50th & SW Tumbleweed Rd. was built in 2017 and is owned by BEC and eighteen (18) other Coop's in Kansas. The Array, as it is called, consists of 3,400 3'x5' solar panels rated at 405 Watts each, and eight (8)-125 KW Inverters, which will convert the DC power to AC. The Array will sit on a single axis tracking system which will track the sun throughout the day. It is important to note that the panels will face east to west and track the sun throughout the day. They will begin the day at a fifty-two (52) degree angle and will not create any glare to the neighbors or any vehicles driving by the area.

Given the current use of the property, the existence of an Electric Substation, the placement of a Solar Farm is an expansion of the electric utility and should not be a detriment to the area. Staff supports the request and would also ask the Board to approve the recommendation for approval as submitted by the Planning Commission. As required by State Statute all landowners within a 1,000 foot radius of the site were notified of the request and Staff only received one inquiry. Once Staff explained the details of the project the individual stated that they were ok with what was proposed and supported it. The Planning Commission approved the request by a vote of 6-0.

Administrator Johnson stated a conditional use permit was applied for on this property; Mr. Alfaro stated that was correct but the permit was never approved. Commission Chair Masterson asked about the tax exemption status for the proposed farm. Administrator Johnson stated the farm would be granted a ten year tax abatement.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the request for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a Solar Farm on property located at the NW Corner of NW 110th St. and Highway 77 as submitted by Ethan Busenitz and Butler Electric Coop and directed the Chairman to sign Resolution No. 21-03. Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Alfaro stated for the record that one of the conditions for the granting of the request was to plant trees on the southern boundary of the farm, which was recommended and approved by the Planning Commission. BEC has agreed to the condition as well. Commission Chair Masterson inquired if the type and size of tree have been agreed to as well; Mr. Alfaro replied those details have not yet been discussed but an agreement will come to pass. Commissioner Wheeler asked if the farm will be fenced; Mr. Alfaro stated it will. Commissioner Wheeler asked if any complaints have ever been turned into the County regarding the other solar farms present in Butler County; Mr. Alfaro confirmed no complaints have been received.

(00:23:14)

ITEM #4 – WORK SESSION – COVID-19/VACCINATION UPDATE AND EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY ORDER

Administrator Johnson reminded the Board of their request to hear an update on the County's COVID-19 situation due to the timing of the expiration of the State's Emergency Declaration.

Mrs. Korthals approached the Board to discuss the County's Emergency Declaration. The State extended the State's Emergency Declaration utilizing Senate Bill (SB) 14. SB14 took the provisions of House Bill (HB) 2016 and extended the deadlines out to March 31st. The State's Emergency Declaration was extended to March 31st as well. Mrs. Korthals stated she read through SB14 and noted the bill did not appear to have changed appeared to have remained intact from the original HB2016. The only language Mrs. Korthals found changed pertained to the governor's ability to limit gathering sizes and close businesses. Staff would like the Board to discuss the County's Disaster Declaration. Mrs. Korthals reported Staff has discovered an until now unseen benefit of a current local disaster declaration. The benefit pertains to the waiving of liability, which will benefit the County's liability protection. This liability waiving is beneficial due to the Health Department utilizing volunteer health providers and general volunteers for vaccination clinics. The County's Emergency Declaration is currently expired as of today. Staff recommends the County's declaration be extended through March 31st to match the State's declaration. Commissioner Woydziak sought clarification that the County can rescind the declaration before it expires, if needed; Mrs. Korthals confirmed that is correct. Mrs. Korthals also confirmed with Commission Chair Masterson that the State will need to pass legislation before March 31st. Administrator Johnson noted many volunteers will be utilized for data entry, vaccine dispersal, observation periods, and traffic control during the COVID-19 vaccine clinics. Crystal Noles, Department on Aging Director, is working with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to arrange for volunteers to assist with the clinics. Commission Chair Masterson asked if the County can utilize volunteers without an Emergency Declaration. Administrator Johnson confirmed the County can do so but an active Emergency Declaration limits the ability of a successful lawsuit. Commissioner Wheeler expressed his willingness to extend the declaration. Commissioner Murphy stated he prefers not to extend the declaration but if an extension is helpful to the County he is amenable to the idea. Commission Chair Masterson stated he is in agreeance with Commissioner Murphy. Commissioner Woydziak said he agrees with an extension to protect the County.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Resolution 20-09, an extension of the Butler County Emergency Declaration for COVID-19, to March 31st, 2021, in order to perform State testing through KDHE assist local hospitals with the acquisition of personal protective equipment (PPE.) Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Jamie Downs, Health Department Director, notified the Board that the State has contacted the Health Department about bringing a State operated testing site to Butler County; the State would handle all the operations of the site, the Butler County Health Department will not have to do anything regarding the site. Mrs. Downs confirmed with Commission Chair Masterson that numerous COVID-19 testing opportunities exist in Butler County. There are free and paid testing options. The Board asked questions regarding to travel vaccination requirements; Mrs. Downs stated those requirements vary depending on the destination and recommended checking into requirements before making travel arrangements. The Health Department has been informed saliva testing is as accurate as the nasal pharyngeal testing.

Mrs. Downs noted the vaccine clinics are hopping and the Health Department is unable to keep up with the demand.. Vaccination clinics are planned to occur three days a week with first doses being administered in the mornings and second doses in the afternoons. Mrs. Downs admitted

Staff are feeling the strain of the workload but she has been amazed at the number of agencies that have stepped up to help, including the Butler County Department on Aging. Commissioner Woydziak asked if any other sites in Butler County are able to administer the vaccine; Mrs. Downs replied ten agencies have applied with the State and two agencies have been approved, those agencies' identities are not being revealed at this time until those agencies are fully prepared. The Health Department has been made aware by the State that they will be a Hub and Spoke site meaning the Health Department will receive vaccine doses and will have the ability to reassign doses to agencies approved by the State. The two approved agencies have been asked by the Health Department to focus on sixty-five (65) years of age and older population due to the large demand for doses for that group, which represents a large portion of the County's population. The Health Department will be receiving 800 doses a week for the time being. Commissioner Woydziak asked about the reporting requirements for vaccinations; Mrs. Downs explained the various aspects of the reporting requirements the Health Department has to fulfill. If vaccinations continue to occur at the current rate it will take forty-three weeks for half of Butler County's residents to be vaccinated. Administrator Johnson discussed the rate of vaccination hinges on the ability of the manufacturers to keep up with the demand. Mrs. Downs stated the Vaccine Advisory Committee held their first meeting last week and identified three groups to prioritize in the beginning of Phase 2: K-12 staff, individuals sixty-five (65) years of age and older, and First Responders. Administrator Johnson spoke to the Board about vaccinating the Board and the Board agreed to not receive the vaccine until a later date. Mrs. Downs received her first dose of the vaccine last week.

Butler County's COVID-19 vaccination clinics are currently only being held at the Butler County Community Building but the goal is to use the new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) building in Augusta as soon as possible as it is larger and Staff will not need to intermittently tear down and set up the clinic. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the clinics when the operations move to the EOC. Commissioner Woydziak asked about the County's vaccine freezer space capacity. Mrs. Downs said the Health Department ordered a freezer yesterday but it is on back order until April. Commissioner Masterson asked as to a target date for dispensing vaccinations at the EOC. Administrator Johnson replied the target date is March 1st or sooner; however, the clinics are transpiring well thus far. Commissioner Wheeler mused the clinics are going to become more complicated when individuals requiring second doses come in to receive. Mrs. Downs informed the Board that when an individual receives their first COVID-19 vaccination dose their appointment to receive their second dose is scheduled before they leave the clinic. COVID-19 vaccine appointments will open up on the County's COVID-19 Vaccination Page every week on Thursday at noon. Administrator Johnson stated no vaccines are being held back. Mrs. Down expressed appreciation to the Department on Aging for taking care of assisting those who do not have internet access with signing up for appointments. Mrs. Downs invited the Board to visit the COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

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ITEM #5 – PLUMBING OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

Dan Ingalls, Facilities Management Director, approached the Board for the consideration of allowing the Director of Facilities Management to solicit bids for the purpose of re-plumbing of the Historic Courthouse. The plumbing in the Historic Courthouse is old and out dated. There are various types of piping throughout the building where repairs have taken place over the years,

including old galvanized pipe which, over time, builds up with calcium, restricting the flow of water. Most of the Historic Courthouse's fixtures are out of date and non-Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) compliant. This project has been in the CIP since 2018 and plans have already been developed and ready to go to contractors for bid. The plumbing plans were included in the agenda packet. A budget of \$200,000 has been placed in the CIP for the Historic Courthouse's plumbing since 2018.

Commissioner Wheeler inquired how many restrooms are in Historic Courthouse; Mr. Ingalls replied there are seven. Commissioner Wheeler inquired as to the nature of the non-compliance with the ADA. Mr. Ingalls stated the height of the stools is a major component of the non-compliance, some restroom stalls will have grab bars installed while others will not. Commissioner Murphy asked why the plumbing is being discussed right now. Mr. Ingalls replied a pipe has begun to leak on the third floor, which precipitated the discussion. Discussion regarding the composition of the materials need for new plumbing ensued. Part of the bid includes accommodations for the installment of a kitchenette on the second floor. Commission Chair Masterson asked how much destruction the project will involve. Mr. Ingalls stated there will be some destruction but anticipates not as much as may be imagined as many pipes may be able to be run through preexisting chases. Bid pricing will be improved if both the fresh and sewage lines are replaced at the same time.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to allow the Director of Facilities Management to solicit bids for the purpose of re-plumbing the Historic Courthouse. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Ingalls provided the Board with an update on the EOC. Crews still need to pour concrete outside and plan to do so on Wednesday. The interior of the building is going well. All the drywall up on Health Department's side has been erected and the Emergency Management and Fire District divider has been sheet rocked and mudded. Stairs for the mezzanine were delivered yesterday. Storefront windows are expected to be delivered this week.

The Community Building's project is close to completion. The fans for the North Room should arrive anytime. Gravel was laid and looks very good. Commission Chair Masterson inquired if vaccination clinics at the Community Building are drive-through; Mr. Ingalls replied the clinics are not drive through. Administrator Johnson stated clinics operated out of the EOC most likely will be drive-through.

The construction of the new front for the District Court Clerk at the Judicial Building new front is very close to completion but is waiting for glass in order to be completed.

Administrator Johnson said work has begun on plans for parking lots at the Western Office. Mr. Ingalls said himself and Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, visited the property while it was raining which proved very helpful in identifying drainage issues. The parking lots will be paved and an above ground storm shelter for employees is in the plans as well.

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RECESS

Commission Chair Masterson recessed the meeting at 10:17 a.m. for six minutes.
Commission Chair Masterson reconvened the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

(01:17:36)

**ITEM #6 – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MECHANIC TRUCK SERVICE BODIES
– BID OPENING**

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, approached the Board to discuss receiving and opening sealed bids for the purchase of two (2) mechanic truck service bodies equipped with a crane and air compressor for the Public Works Department to be installed on two (2) new F550 truck chassis. The Department of Public Works develops and maintains an equipment replacement plan for all of its divisions. This plan is used as a tool to help budget for equipment replacement and new purchases and is incorporated into the County's current CIP and adopted budgets. The County Commission, on October 13, 2020, approved the purchase of two (2) new 2021 Ford F550 dual rear wheel truck chassis for the purpose of replacing two (2) mechanics trucks for the Public Works Department. Staff has recently sent out requests for sealed bids to several truck body companies in Wichita for the purchase and installation of two (2) mechanic service bodies equipped a crane and air compressor to be installed on the new truck chassis when they arrive. Sealed bids are due to be submitted to Butler County prior to January 22, 2021.

Mr. Lutz asked the Board to receive and open sealed bids for the requested equipment and requested the name and location of the vendor be read along with the bid price and the equipment make and model being bid. The bids received were as follows:

BUTLER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
BID TABULATIONS			
(2) Service Bodies with Cranes and Air Compressors			
Bid opening: Tuesday, January 26, 2021			
Company	MidWest Truck Equipment	Kansas Truck Equipment	Fleetpride
Location	Wichita, KS	Wichita, KS	Wichita, KS
TRUCK BODY			
Year	2021	2021	2021
Make	Knapheide	TMAX	Titan
Model	6132D5460	30K-11	38/84CA
CRANE			
Year	2021	2021	2021
Make	Liftmoore	Stellar	Nexstar
Model	1640XP-16	4421	HC-5
TOTAL Price for 2 Service Bodies w/Cranes and Air Compressors	\$ 125,068.00	\$ 127,516.00	\$ 147,087.32
Comments:		added Crane radio remote control of \$1,050.00 per truck not added in their price	
Warranty	crane 1 yr parts & labor body 6 yr parts & labor		2 yr. limited warranty on crane 5 yr limited warranty on body
Delivery Date	120 - 150 days ARO	40 days Late April or early May	12 weeks from time of order

Staff recommends that all bids received and accepted by the County Commission be tabulated and evaluated by staff and a recommendation for purchase be returned at a later time. These equipment purchases are planned in the County's CIP and are budgeted with cash being available for making the planned purchases. The Public Works department is following the County's adopted Purchasing Policy.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to accept the bids received and opened for two (2) mechanics truck service bodies equipped with a crane and air compressor including installation and directed staff to tabulate the bids, to evaluate the equipment offered, and to return at a later time with a recommendation for purchase. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

(01:21:39)

ITEM #7 – SEWER FORCE MAIN RIVER CROSSING

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for the consideration of the approval of a cost proposal to replace the sewer force main across the Whitewater River west of Augusta. The Department of Public Works is currently dealing with a sewer force main blockage for Sewer District No. 12 between the Antique Mall west of Augusta and the City of Augusta. For the last several months the County has experienced issues with flow in the force main and have

had Albert Hogoboom Oilfield Trucking, Inc. out several times to help clear the line. The line will no longer clear out and the problem has been isolated to the line in the crossing under the Whitewater River. The line has a solid blockage that crews have not been able to clear with hydraulic jetting or with a mechanical cutter. On Tuesday, January 19th, County work crews were able to pull part of the carrier line out of the casing. The line was crushed and pulled apart. Something has damaged the steel casing which cut off flow through the carrier line. The crossing will have to be abandoned and a new crossing installed. Last week the County Commission was informed of the issue and was agreeable to staff negotiating the installation of a new river crossing and returning with a proposal for consideration. Staff will be investigating to determine what caused the damage to the casing and carrier pipe and who might potentially be responsible.

The project is being treated as an emergency project to expedited necessary construction and repairs. Staff will present a formal cost estimate/proposal to the County Commission during the meeting from one (1) or more local contractors if possible. A preliminary cost estimate to install 550 feet of steel casing with a carrier pipe and all the connections was between \$55,000 and \$60,000. The cost will have to be temporarily financed with repayment spread over a few years in order to maintain current user fees without an increase.

Mr. Lutz stated the crossing will have to be slightly longer than anticipated. The crossing was originally expected to be 500 feet but will need to be 550 feet. The adjusted price, to accommodate the extra footage, is \$57,527.64. The two landowners whose properties abut the project have been contacted regarding to permission to utilize their land to access the site; the landowners are on board for allowing the County access. Commissioner Woydziak asked if the existing pipe will be bored; Mr. Lutz replied a complete new crossing will be installed. The existing steel casing was crushed and is rusting. The steel casing, eight inches in diameter, houses a plastic carrier pipe which is four inches in diameter. The new crossing will be about seven feet under the river, which will be in rock. The County's goal is to keep the user fee neutral for those served by this crossing; twenty-six houses and two businesses are served by this crossing.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve a cost proposal with Nowak Construction Co. Inc. Goddard, Kansas, to install a new river crossing for the Sewer District No. 12 force main west of Augusta at the Whitewater River to include a new casing, new carrier pipe and all the required connections in the estimated amount of \$57,527.64. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

(01:28:48)

ITEM #8 – ENGINEERING SERVICES REQUEST – BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for the consideration of authorizing the Director of Public Works to obtain separate proposals for engineering services for semi-annual groundwater monitoring work, for annual on-call general engineering services and for facility improvement planning work at the landfill. The Butler County Landfill programs funds each year for required semi-annual ground water sampling, analysis and reporting work, for annual miscellaneous engineering services primarily related to air permit reporting requirements and technical support for landfill operations and for planned major improvement projects which this year includes the planned construction of scale house improvements and an equipment

maintenance facility. In addition, Public Works staff is in discussion with a person interested in a landfill gas project. Butler County has worked with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co for several years for annual engineering services as well as specific individual CIP projects. Staff desires to continue working with Burns & McDonnell on landfill projects due to their intimate knowledge of current landfill operations and operating permit requirements. In addition, related to the proposed on site building projects, Burns & McDonnell will be able to provide beneficial assistance to the County for site layout and planning work for proposed scale house and scale improvements and for a proposed landfill equipment maintenance facility. Groundwater monitoring – Municipal solid waste landfills are required, under state and federal regulations, to sample and analyze groundwater twice each year as part of detection groundwater monitoring, to conduct statistical analysis of test result data and to report required information to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE.) On-call miscellaneous engineering services - Each year Butler County enters into a general services agreement for miscellaneous on-call engineering services. This scope covers miscellaneous technical work including semi-annual and annual certifications for the air operating permit, air emissions inventory reporting, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) greenhouse gas reporting, technical review and comment on landfill operations and new annual reporting for a lysimeter installed as part of a demonstration project for an alternative final cover on the landfill.

Staff is requesting permission to negotiate the scopes and fee proposals with Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co. for the annual miscellaneous services work at the landfill, for a proposed three (3)-year agreement to continue providing groundwater sampling, testing, statistical analysis and reporting services and for planning and design work related to the proposed CIP projects for new scales and scale house and for an equipment maintenance facility. The fee proposals will be negotiated as not-to-exceed cost agreements with services paid for on an actual cost basis. The County has a longstanding professional relationship with Burns & McDonnell based upon their service to the County and their good standing relationship with KDHE. Burns & McDonnell further has intimate knowledge of the work to be performed based upon performance of previous phases of similar work. All work is included in the current adopted Landfill operating budget and CIP. There are no know legal considerations as the County's purchasing policy provides for negotiated agreements for professional services.

Mr. Lutz stated he would like to evaluate if methane reuse options would be a good option for the landfill. Commission Chair Masterson asked in what stage is the landfill's expansion project. Mr. Lutz stated the project is complete and Staff may begin putting trash in the new area so as to get the area covered to encourage positive drainage. Mr. Lutz said the landfill has about sixty years of service life remaining.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to authorize the Department of Public Works to negotiate separate project scopes and fees with Burns & McDonnell Engineering, Co. for annual on-call miscellaneous engineering services, for routine groundwater sampling, testing, analysis and reporting work for a three (3) year term and for site planning work and design services for planned scale house improvements and equipment maintenance shop improvements and to return at a later date with agreements for approval. Commissioner Woydziak seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Lutz provided announced the County's Annual Township Meeting has been scheduled for March 2nd. The event will be held in the El Dorado Civic Center. The City of El Dorado does not have and meeting size limits but the City's masking ordinance will still be in effect.

Mr. Lutz stated the contractor working on the Haverhill Rd Bridge is hoping to open up the bridge today. The project is not complete but is to a point where the bridge can be opened to traffic. The guardrail is being completed today. Temporary striping tape will be placed on the bridge until permanent striping is placed. Some seeding along the project site will need to occur.

As of a status meeting last week, Mr. Lutz said he believes the SW 150th St. and SW Butler Rd. roundabout project should be completed in about two and a half weeks.

Commissioner Wheeler stated Glencoe Township contacted him regarding a questions about Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements for road maintainer positions. Discussion about CDL requirements ensued.

Public Works is watching the weather and crews are currently brining bridges and intersections.

(01:55:08)

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve vouchers dated January 26, 2021, in the amount of \$235,055.62. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

(01:55:35)

ADDS & ABATES.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the Adds in the amount of \$0.00, and the Abates in the amount of \$11,622.82. Commission Chair Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

(01:55:58)

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

Commissioner Wheeler commented on a magazine cover that reminded him of Administrator Johnson.

Administrator Johnson said Fire District appointments will be on the agenda in two weeks. Administrator Johnson will review the boards in the districts and make updates to the board appointment lists.

Administrator Johnson stated Bloomington Township contacted him and wanted to know why the township had to pay the hourly rate to receive advice from the County Counselor for legal advice. The township is a separate entity from the County and must pay the rate requested by legal advisors, unless the Board of County Commissioners allows for special provisions.

Administrator Johnson stated COVID-19 vaccination clinics are a priority for the County right now.

Administrator Johnson is working with Sheriff Monty Hughey and his staff on various processes such as Granicus and conducting performance evaluations.

Commissioner Wheeler announced he received text from an acquaintance stating that their experience with the County's COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic was positive and the clinic is a well-oiled machine.

Administrator Johnson asked the Board if they had received an email from a citizen from Sedgwick County regarding numbers of vaccines received. The Board replied they had not.

(02:04:28)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:10 a.m.

Commission Chair Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.