

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Marc Murphy called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:01 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

Commissioner Ed Myers presented the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from Tuesday, February 5, 2019 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:01:35)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jean Plummer, came before the Board to invite the Commissioners to attend the second annual First Responder Appreciation Day on February 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the El Dorado Civic Center. Ms. Plummer stated the speaker this year will be Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, informed the Commissioners of a change in the laws in regards to industrial hemp. On March 1, individuals will be allowed to grow industrial hemp anywhere in the State of Kansas. Mr. Alfaro stated Rick Gash, Butler County resident, is pursuing the possibility of growing hemp in Butler County. Mr. Alfaro would like to have a work session next Tuesday with the Commissioners and Dana Ladnar, Kansas Department of Agriculture, to make the Commissioners aware of the rules and regulations associated with the new law. Commissioner Masterson asked how industrial hemp is defined. Administrator Johnson stated industrial hemp is defined by the amount of THC in the plant.

Administrator Johnson, David Alfaro, and Commissioner Wheeler met with El Dorado Inc. last Friday to discuss the Integrated Plastic Solutions (IPS) clean-up process. Administrator Johnson stated the property owner, Mr. Smith, was at the meeting and IPS's attorneys were present as well. Reduced landfill fees were requested for Mr. Riley to assist him in his clean-up efforts. Administrator Johnson recommended giving him a 50% reduced rate for tipping fees at the landfill for any and all materials transported.

Commissioner Myers motioned to extend to IPS a special 50% reduction in the landfill fees they have customarily been charged and with the special rate to expire March 31, 2019, for any and all materials transported by IPS to the Butler County landfill. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrator Johnson discussed House Bill 25-39, which requires audits of election results. In order for Butler County to comply; all of the current election equipment would need to be replaced. Tatum Stafford, Butler County Clerk, received a pricing quote from Election Systems and Software to replace the election equipment. Mrs. Stafford stated she would like to implement

the new machines as soon as possible. Commissioner Myers inquired about the quote for the new machines. Mrs. Stafford also noted Election Systems & Software would train her poll workers and employees on how to use the new machines. Commissioner Woydziak recommended bringing back a financing plan in 30 days to purchase new machines.

Commissioner Wheeler asked Mrs. Stafford if the Butler County Driver's License office is going to begin renewing commercial driver's license (CDL). Mrs. Stafford stated at this time we do not renew CDL's.

(00:37:51)

ITEM #1 –RECOGNITION OF MELISSA RILEY, HR DIRECTOR

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to recognize Melissa Riley, HR Director, for being recognized by the Wichita Business Journal for the 2019 HR Professionals Awards. Administrator Johnson stated Butler County is extremely proud and very fortunate to have Melissa Riley as the HR Director. Commission Chairman Murphy presented Mrs. Riley with a plaque.

(00:40:50)

ITEM #2 – 2018 ANNUAL PURCHASING CARD REPORT/AUDIT

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board and requested to table this item for one week.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to table this item for one week. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:41:19)

ITEM #3 – WORK SESSION – STRATEGIC RETREAT & MISC ITEMS

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board to introduce Misty Bruckner, Public Policy Institute Director at Wichita State University. Ms. Bruckner will be facilitating the Strategic Retreat and wanted to interview the Commissioners on County organizations and goals to improve.

Administrator Johnson also discussed House Bill 2144, also known as the Community College Taxpayer Transparency Act. The main goals of House Bill 2144 are budgeting, tuition and fee rates charged to in-district and out of district students, and transferability of credits granted by the several community colleges in our State. No action was taken.

(00:50:21)

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve vouchers for February 12, 2019 in the amount of \$289,734.74. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:50:41)

COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2715 dated February 12, 2019; Adds in the amount of \$101.54 and Abates in the amount of \$38,015.84. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:51:04)

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

Commissioner Wheeler stated he will not be at the meeting next Tuesday.

There will not be a commission meeting on March 5th due to lack of quorum.

Commissioner Myers inquired about changes in leadership at KAC.

Commissioner Woydziak stated he attended the employee breakfast on Friday and expressed his appreciation to the Department Heads for coming.

The new EMS Director, Frank Williams, starts March 11th.

Administrator Johnson stated February 26th is the Douglass Senior Center luncheon.

The Court House will be closed Monday, February 18th for Presidents Day.

(01:03:15)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:04 a.m.

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