

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

**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 Dan Woydziak, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Chelsea Noel. Commissioner Mike Wheeler was absent.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Ron Jones, Temple Baptist Church, El Dorado, presented the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from Tuesday, February 12, 2019 as written. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

(00:01:50)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

(00:01:59)

**ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL HEMP RULES & REGULATIONS**

David Alfaro, Community Development Director, came before the Board for a work session on industrial hemp rules and regulations in the State of Kansas becoming effective March 1, 2019. Mr. Alfaro noted this industry is growing and there is interest in growing industrial hemp in Butler County.

Dana Ladner, Kansas Department of Agriculture Compliance and Education Coordinator, came before the Board to share information with the Commissioners regarding the rules and regulations of growing industrial hemp in the State of Kansas. Ms. Ladner prepared a PowerPoint to share with the Commissioners. Some of the highlights discussed in the PowerPoint were as follows: the industrial hemp working group, passing the bill, defining the law, licensing requirements, applications, fee schedules, oversight and analysis of industrial hemp research, developing rules and regulations, conducting activities as a grower, distributor and processor, acreage requirements, and the approval process of an application.

Rick Gash, 12273 SW 155<sup>th</sup>, Augusta, came before the Board to discuss why he wants to grow hemp on his farm. Mr. Gash stated he almost died in a car crash in 2017 and during his recovery hemp oil took away his pain. Mr. Gash is now a part of a coalition who would like to grow industrial hemp. Mr. Gash believes hemp is a crop that will make big changes in society. Mr. Gash shared the coalition's executive summary with the Board.

Discussion followed about the basics of hemp oil, how it is extracted from the cannabis plant, and the cost to plant the seed.

Jonathan Voegeli, Coalition Compliance Director, came before the Board to introduce himself and to discuss his role in the coalition. Mr. Voegeli reviews all member applications, addresses concerns and works to mitigate all risks.

No action was taken.

(01:25:14)

**RECESS**

Commission Chairman Murphy recessed the meeting of the Board at 10:25 a.m. for 5 minutes.

Commission Chairman Murphy reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

(01:25:17)

**ITEM #2 – CHARTER RESOLUTION SCHOOL INSPECTIONS**

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of Charter Resolution No. HR-19-01. HR-19-01 would exempt Butler County from certain provisions of K.S.A. 65-201, specifically a portion of K.S.A 65-202 regarding annual sanitary inspections of school buildings and grounds by the County Health Officer.

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Charter Resolution No. HR-19-01, exempting Butler County from certain provisions of K.S.A. 65-201, specifically a portion of K.S.A. 65-202 regarding annual sanitary inspections of school buildings and grounds by the County Health Officer. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

(01:28:02)

**ITEM #3 – 2018 ANNUAL PURCHASING CARD REPORT/AUDIT**

Ryan Adkison, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board to receive and file the 2018 annual purchase card report/audit. This report relates to AR 16-01, which aims to ensure Butler County is deriving maximum value while minimizing risk with its purchasing card program. No action was taken.

(01:49:02)

**ITEM #4 – KANSAS BRIDGE LOAD RATING PROGRAM – 2018 REPORT**

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board to give a report on Butler County bridges that will require a change in load posting. The Kansas Department of Transportation is undertaking a multiyear project to re-load rate every local bridge in the state of Kansas as part of a requirement being made by the Federal Highway Administration. In 2018, approximately 87 bridges in Butler County were fully inspected by KDOT's consultant and new load rating calculations were performed using new load rating criteria. Butler County had 30 bridges re-load rated in 2016 during the first year. Several of the bridges re-evaluated in 2018 will be required to be posted or the current posting changed. Forty-two bridges of the 87 bridges required either to be posted or the current posting reduced. The remaining 43 bridges were not required to have any changes in the posting status. Eighteen of the bridges required to be posted including, one bridge that will need to be closed, are stone arch bridges. No action was taken.

(02:22:01)

**VOUCHERS**

*Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve vouchers for February 19, 2019 in the amount of \$470,240.85. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

(02:26:41)

**COMMISSION ADDS & ABATES**

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2716 dated February 19, 2019; Adds in the amount of \$333.22 and Abates in the amount of \$28,604.88. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*

(02:27:00)

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

Commissioner Myers discussed the presentation on industrial hemp.

Commissioner Myers requested a ~~work session to discuss jail revenue.~~ *Amended on February 26, 2019 by Commissioner Myers to read: "report on 2019 jail revenue."*

Commissioner Woydziak stated he attended the annual Latham Fire Department fundraiser/auction.

Administrator Johnson stated the First Responder Appreciation dinner is Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the El Dorado Civic Center at 6:30 p.m.

The Douglass Senior Center luncheon is Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Strategic Retreat is Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in Andover.

There will not be a Commission meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Gravity Works Architecture invited the Commissioners to attend their celebration of 65 years of business on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

(02:37:28)

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:42 a.m. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.*