

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Jeff Masterson called the Butler County Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present were Commissioner Marc Murphy, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Commissioner Kelly Herzet, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Koleen Laney.

(00:00:58)

INVOCATION

Rev. Christine Gilson presented the invocation.

(00:01:46)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy noted a typo in the minutes, the line reading “Ms. Downs noted the County’s target group at the time is individuals age sixty-five (65) and older target groups at this point are”. The Commissioners amended this line by removing the word “are”. The Commissioners also amended was the time the meeting ended for 9:18 AM to 10:18 AM.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the amended minutes from the February 16, 2021, Butler County Commission meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Commissioner Masterson abstained as he was absent for that meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(00:05:50)

ITEM #1 – Update of the Butler County 2021 Real Estate Property Values

Debra Studebaker, Butler County Appraiser, came before the Board to present the annual Property Value Appraisal Report. The Appraiser's Office is required annually to value all real property as of January 1st of each year and to mail a change of value notice to each property owner by March 1st of each year. All change of value notices will be mailed on March 1st in compliance with K.S.A. 79-1460. A full report was presented to the the Board of County Commissioners.

No action was taken.

(00:26:50)

ITEM #2 – Urban Digital Ortho Photography Approval

Pam Dunham, Butler County GIS/ Mapping Director, came before the Board for approval of a proposal for tan urban digital ortho photography contract with Surdex Corporation. On January 19th, 2021 the Butler County Commission approved GIS to pursue a sole source proposal for urban digital ortho photography through the statewide buy-up program with Surdex Corporation. Aerial photography is the base for all maps, projects and websites. In order to provide reliable data the basis of all of our layers must be kept current. The County’s database is utilized by the

public, real estate agents, surveyors, fee appraisers, engineering companies and individuals as well as a large number of our County departments and emergency response agencies.

Staff recommends accepting the proposal of \$30,000 from Surdex Corporation and proceeding with the procurement of the urban digital color ortho photography provided by Surdex Corporation, a long-time established company who has successfully completed numerous jobs in the State of Kansas. Their proposal meets our requirements for this type of project. Sundex will provide ½' photography for the urban areas as requested. They provide 24/7 online project management as well as an online client quality control tool which saves infinite time on both the County and vendor side. This process provides a tool to view the individual images, document any issues, if any are identified, and provide instant feedback to both the County and vendor. Butler County will have access to the county-wide photography being flown through the Kansas911 Coordinating Council that is flown state-wide to support the NG911 GIS Enhancement project. Allowing Butler County to procure county-wide photography for half the normal budgeted amount. Butler County GIS budgeted in line item 01-19-6701-00 \$60,000 for the procurement of updated photography and updated ground control and budgeted at \$15,000 per year in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. The recommended proposal comes in at half the budgeted amount. Legal counsel has reviewed and approved the contract with a couple of modifications.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to accept the proposal and award the work to Surdex Corporation for urban Digital Color Ortho Imagery in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and allow the GIS Director to sign The legal counsel approved contract. Commissioner Herzet seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #3 – 2021 Butler County Annual County-wide Cleanup Program

Darryl Lutz, Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval of the 2021 Butler County Annual County-wide cleanup program and to designate April 17th through April 24th, 2021, for County-wide cleanup. Each year Butler County sponsors a County-wide cleanup program for cities and for the County at-large. The program is aimed at giving citizens an opportunity to clean up their properties and dispose of accepted waste at the landfill for a reduced nominal cost.

The 2021 clean-up policy is essentially the same as used in prior years. Approximately five hundred tons of cleanup material is disposed of each year in the landfill. Additionally, approximately one thousand eight-hundred tires are collected and eighty to one-hundred refrigerated white goods are collected. The County at-large cleanup is open to all County property owners and is typically scheduled in the third week of April to coincide with Earth Day. Each city schedules their own clean up events and coordinates with the County Landfill for disposal. The cost of this program is budgeted for in the Landfill budget and considered in the tipping fee calculation.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the 2021 Policy on County Cleanup Events and designate the week of April 17th through April 24th, 2021 for County-wide cleanup. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:39:07)

ITEM #4 – Posting of Bridges for Weight Limits-Adoption of Resolution

Darryl Lutz, Director of Public Works, came before the board for approval to adopt, Resolution No. 21-04, a resolution to establish updated bridge weight limits on County bridges based primarily upon new bridge load rating requirements. The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is in the fifth year of a multi-year program to load rate all county and city owned bridges using the most current load rating criteria. In addition, in 2018, the Kansas Legislature passed a state law increasing the weight limits for emergency vehicles (fire trucks) which is above the legal weight limits for standard highway trucks. Federal regulations require all highway bridges on the interstate system and on the National Highway System be load rated for fire trucks and special vehicles including all local bridges within one mile of these federal designated highways. State law, however, does not exclude load rating and posting of local bridges beyond the one mile fringe along federal designated highways. The result is that all local bridges being load rated starting last year going forward now have to be load rated based upon the new fire truck weight limits and posted, if required.

Butler County had ninety-three of four hundred thirty-three bridges load rated in 2020 by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Of the ninety-three bridges evaluated, twenty-nine bridges including one bridge currently posted, do not require any posting under the new criteria. Fifteen bridges currently not posted will now be required to be posted as a result of using new load rating calculation methods required by the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration). An additional forty-nine bridges currently not posted will now be required to be posted because of the increased weight limit allowed for fire trucks. In total, sixty-four bridges that previously did not require posting will now have to be posted. KDOT has provided guidance to the County on new types of signs for posting emergency vehicle weight limits. The County has an option of simply posting these bridges using the standard three truck weight limit sign or to use a special weight limit sign for emergency vehicles only. The cost for one pair of weight limit signs, posts and installation is approximately \$150 per bridge. The cost to post the additional sixty-four bridges will be approximately \$9,500.

Commissioner Wodyzaik motioned to approve Resolution No. 21-04 establishing weight limits for certain bridges maintained by Butler County, Kansas and repealing any previously adopted bridge weight limit resolutions and to authorize the Chair to sign said resolution.

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

(00:09:49)

ITEM #5 – Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Project Agreement-Little Walnut River Bridge on SW 157th Ter. (Bois D'Arc Bridge)

Darryl Lutz, Director of Public Works, came before the board for approval of a project agreement with KDOT related to federal aid funding for the proposed replacement of the high steel truss bridge over the Little Walnut River on SW 157th Ter. known locally as the Bois D'arc Bridge. In December 2017 following a fracture critical bridge inspection of the Bois D'arc Bridge, the bridge was closed to traffic due to a crack discovered in a critical structural member. The bridge has been closed since then with very little, if any, feasible options to repair and reopen the bridge for vehicular traffic. The bridge is still accessible for pedestrian access only. In

2019, the County Commission approved submitting a request for federal aid off-system bridge funding to KDOT to replace the bridge. The project funding request was approved by KDOT and the County Commission approved moving forward with project design. The bridge project design is completed and the project is about ready to go to bid letting through KDOT. KDOT has prepared and submitted a project agreement to the County for approval.

The agreement stipulates that KDOT will provide funding for 80% of the construction cost up to a maximum of \$1,000,000. The balance of the construction cost will be funded by Butler County. Right-of-way acquisition is in progress and the project should be ready to go to bid by mid to late summer of 2021.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the project agreement with KDOT for Project No. 08 C-4998-01 to receive federal aid off-system bridge funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to replace the high steel truss bridge on SW 157th Ter. over the Little Walnut River known as the Bois D'Arc Bridge and to authorize the Chair to sign. Commission Chair Masterson seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0

(01:02:51)

ITEM #6 – 2020-Q4 Financial/ Management Report

Ryan Adkison, Butler County Administration, came before the Board to file the 2020-Q4 Financial / Management Report. This report is a quarterly report and is part of the County's overall transparency and management process.

Commissioner Woydzaik moved to receive and file the 2020-Q4 Financial/Management Report. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

(01:32:00)

VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve vouchers dated February 22, 2021, in the amount of \$59,404.57. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ADDS & ABATES.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the Adds in the amount of \$2,004.50 and the Abates in the amount of \$21,606.42. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Wheeler stated several volunteers had reached out to him concerned there was no railing on the steps on the south side of the Community Building, making it hard for the elderly to access the building to receive their COVID-19 Vaccines. Administrator Johnson relayed that railing is actually included in the current project at the Community Building and should be done shortly.

Administrator Johnson brought up several water leak issues that occurred in the Judicial Building. One leak involved a bathroom the other was related to the fire sprinkler system. Also discussed was an issue with the doors at the Judicial Building dragging as well as a hot water heater at the Community Building. There was discussion on all repairs and projects.

Dan Ingalls, Facilities Management Director, gave an update on the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) located in Augusta. Mr. Ingalls relayed the building should be complete by the second week in March.

Administrator Johnson reported on the Governor's Tax Policy Committee. Discussed was Senate Bill 13, a transparency bill eliminating the tax lid, Counties are not required to send notifications until 2023. Administrator Johnson also highlighted on House Bill 2142 and LAVTR (Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction).

(02:09:38)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wodyziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:09 AM, Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.