

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, March 30, 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, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Koleen Laney.

(00:00:08)

INVOCATION

Pastor Jordan Friesen, First Baptist Church, El Dorado

(00:02:27)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2021, Butler County Commission meeting. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:02:55)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(00:03:00)

ITEM #1 –Work Session-Covid-19/ Vaccination Update, and Extension and Emergency Order

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before for a work session regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations and an extension of the Emergency Order. Jamie Downs, Health Department Director, and Keri Korthals, Emergency Management Director, presented the Board with vaccination information from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Ms. Downs and Ms. Korthals requested approval to extend the Emergency Order to correspond with the State Emergency Declaration on COVID-19.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Resolution of 20-09 an extension of the Butler County Emergency Declaration for COVID-19, to May 30, 2021. Commissioner Herzet seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:47:00)

ITEM #2-EMS Medical Oxygen Purchase Agreement Request

Frank Williams, Emergency Medical Service Director, came before the Board for approval of a contract with Matheson Gas for Medical Oxygen. EMS has not budgeted this amount for the last five years due to the purchase of the Oxygen Generating System. However, oxygen had to be purchased. The budget was adjusted to accommodate these expenses and will be included in future EMS budgets. Below is the estimated cost per vendor:

Max Gas	El Dorado, Ks	10,530.00
Lampton Welding Supply	Wichita, Ks	16,380.00

Matheson Gas	Wichita, Ks	6,188.52
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This includes Medical Oxygen filled into county bottles and delivery to Butler County facilities. Additional costs: recertify county bottles at the cost of \$19.95 per bottle. 112 total bottle x 19.95 = \$2,234.40.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to obtain a formal purchase agreement from Matheson Gas to supply Butler County Emergency Medical Services with medical grade oxygen and equipment at the quoted rate and allow the Chair to sign. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:02:15)

ITEM #3 –SW Ohio Street Rd & SW 20th St Interchange-Design Engineering

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for approval of a supplemental engineering agreement to cover the project design phase for the SW Ohio Street Rd and SW 20th St project. The County has a project in the adopted CIP to make improvements at the current SW Ohio Street Rd & SW 20th St. interchange located approximately six miles north of Augusta. The County selected the civil engineering consulting firm of WSP USA Inc. (WSP), Wichita, KS to study the location and to develop improvement options and cost estimates. The study was completed in late 2020 which was approved by the County Commission in December 2020. The report recommended replacing the existing interchange and aging bridge with a roundabout. In December 2020 the County Commission authorized staff to proceed with negotiating a scope and fee with WSP to proceed with the design phase of the project. Staff recently completed the process of establishing a detailed project scope for design services with WSP and settled on a project fee that is considered reasonable. The design phase will include some additional planning work up front to work on alternative project layout and alignment to potentially accommodate carrying the east west traffic through the project during construction and connection with Ohio Street south of the project. The proposed fee is \$347,432.39, which includes approximately \$59,000 for sublet work for project surveying, geology work and pavement design options.

Commissioner Herzet motioned to approve the Supplemental Agreement to the Letter Agreement with WSP USA Inc., Wichita, KS, in the amount of \$347,432.39 for design phase engineering services for the proposed roundabout project at the SW Ohio Street Rd and SW 20th St interchange and to authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:11:21)

ITEM #4 – Dry Creek Bridge on SW Diamond Rd and Eight Mile Creek Bridge on SW 190th St – Engineering Services

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for approval to authorize the Department of Public Works to proceed with obtaining agreements for engineering services for two planned bridge replacement projects for Dry Creek Bridge on SW Diamond Rd west of Augusta and for the Eight Mile Creek Bridge on SW 190th St south of Rose Hill. Staff is requesting permission to proceed with soliciting and negotiating for required bridge design services with Finney & Turnipseed. Mr. Lutz will present engineering service agreements to the County Commission for consideration at a later date.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the Director of Public Works to work with Finney & Turnipseed Consulting Engineers, Transportation & Civil Engineering, LLC, Topeka, KS to negotiate project scopes and design service fees for project design work to replace the Dry Creek bridge on SW Diamond Rd and to replace the Eight Mile Creek Bridge on SW 190th St. and to return at a later date with agreements for consideration. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:16:39)

ITEM #5- State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit for Historic Courthouse Plumbing project

Ryan Adkison, Butler County Financial Officer, came before the Board to approve the application for the State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit for the Historic Courthouse plumbing project. On April 26, 2002, the Butler County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation qualifies work done on the Butler County Courthouse for the Kansas State Tax Credit, which is equal to twenty five (25) percent of qualifying expenses incurred during a qualified project on a qualified building. On January 26, 2021, the Commissioners approved Facilities Management to solicit bids to update the Butler County Courthouse plumbing. Staff believes the Butler County Courthouse plumbing project would qualify for the Kansas State Tax Credit. Once tax credits are granted from the State of Kansas, Butler County could then sell the credits to a third party. The process of selling credits will be reviewed by legal counsel.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the application for the State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit for the Historic Courthouse plumbing project and authorize all necessary signatures. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:26:00)

ITEM #6-KDOT Cost Share Letter of Support - City of Augusta

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of a letter of support to Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for the City of Augusta for reconstruction funds on North Ohio St. In 2020, Butler County completed a resurfacing project on Ohio Street from the north Augusta city limits to Highway 254. Butler County is responsible for Ohio Street beginning at Augusta's north city limits and extending all the way north to Highway 254. KDOT classifies the north end of Ohio Street as a Major Collector. This section of roadway is one of the most prominent roads in the County and functions more like a minor or urban arterial. The current section of north Ohio maintained by the City is in need of a full surface reclamation project and the City of Augusta is applying for State funding for the project. The City made sure to extend their resurfacing project all of the way to the city limits in order to tie in with Augusta's planned future improvements to Ohio Street outlined in the cost share application. This is an important transportation corridor for the City of Augusta and Butler County. The City of Augusta is hopeful the State looks favorably upon this project and the cost share application.

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the letter of support to KDOT for the City of Augusta for reconstruction funds on North Ohio. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve vouchers dated March 30, 2021, in the amount of \$540,395.58. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:29:21)

ADDS & ABATES.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve Adds in the amount of \$3,756.84 and Abates in the amount of \$12.00. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(01:30:00)

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

Commissioner Wheeler questioned when the District Court would reopen. Commissioner Woydziak stated he had talked to County Attorney Darren Divinney, who relayed that there was no definite date to reopen.

Commission Chair Masterson stated the City of Andover is going through a visioning process, to see what residents of the community would like to see develop in their community. Commission Chair Masterson stated he was asked to sit on the steering committee, along with other community members.

Commissioner Herzet relayed he had received calls regarding the purchase of the new Durangos that were approved for purchase, for the Sheriffs office during, last week's meeting. Commissioner Herzet stated he was questioned about doing business locally as well as the number of bids that were sought. Commission Chair Masterson stated he would like a more in depth discussion moving forward.

Administrator Johnson, announced a Strategic retreat scheduled for April 29th. This meeting will focus mainly on the budget. The location has not yet been determined.

Will Johnson, County Administrator, stated that Interviews for the 911 Director Position will be held on April 8th. The interviews will be a two part process, with two interview teams; one group consisting of Administration with the second being direct personnel, such as EMS, Fire, City Police and the Sheriff. There are three interviews scheduled at this time.

Administrator Johnson also discussed the upcoming K-254 corridor meeting to be held April 2nd with commissioners.

(01:48:00)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.