

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

(00:00:00)

CALL TO ORDER

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

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INVOCATION

Pastor Vogt Lynn, First Baptist Church of Douglass, presented the invocation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting for March 29, 2022, as presented. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:02:07)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

(00:02:24)

ITEM #1 – RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF’S OFFICE PERSONNEL

Monty Hughey, Butler County Sheriff, and Detective Brenna Sperry, came before the Board to present the Deputy of the Year Award 2021, Community Service, and Life Saving Awards. The following received awards:

Deputy Thomas Moore-Community Service Award for outstanding service to the City of Towanda while on and off duty.

Deputy Patrick Bruce-Lifesaving Award for quick and decisive actions taken on February 16, 2021.

Lieutenant Kevin Kichler- Lifesaving Award for quick and decisive actions taken on December 15, 2021.

Deputy Dathan Ensz- Lifesaving Award for quick and decisive actions taken on January 25, 2022.

Deputy Michael Weber-Deputy of the Year Award for his display of core values and the mission of the Butler County Sheriff’s Office.

No action was taken.

(00:10:06)

NON- AGENDA ITEM- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROSE HILL, KANSAS 2016 TAX FORECLOSURE SALE

Pastor Voyt Lynn, Director of Missions for the South Central Association of Southern Baptists, came before the Board to request assistance in paying the 20% penalty for the delinquent special assessments regarding property owned by First Baptist Church of Rose Hill, Kansas. On Thursday, March 31, 2022, Pastor Voyt stated he became aware of the property being listed for auction on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, during the Butler County Treasurer's Office 2016 Tax Foreclosure sale. The church has experienced significant financial struggles and has been unable to pay most of the assessments due from 2016 forward. Pastor Ron Long has frequently served without compensation due to the financial difficulties. Pastor Voyt was confident the funds for the delinquent special assessments would be secured before the sale date with the help of Butler County for the 20% penalties.

Donna Farthing, County Treasurer, was present to answer questions.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to pay the 20% penalty fees, with the understanding that the special assessments are paid in full before the Butler County Treasurer's Office 2016 Tax Foreclosure sale on April 20, 2022. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #2-APPROVAL OF AMENDED TECHNOLOGY POLICIES AND CONSOLIDATION WITH BUTLER COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

Lew Harter, Director of Information Technology (IT), came before the Board for approval of Amended Technology Policies and consolidation with Butler County Administrative Policies. The proposed updated policy brings the County policy up to current best practices and conforms to existing data processing environments. The updates are as follows:

- 1) Computers auto locking after 30 minutes of inactivity
- 2) Encryption of laptop hard drives
- 3) Phishing and malware testing and training guidelines
- 4) Prohibition of unauthorized devices
- 5) Physical password security guidelines and password update cycle requirements
- 6) Two-factor authentication guidelines
- 7) Updates to hardware replacement cycle timelines and processes
- 8) Updates to software deployment and maintenance
- 9) Software patching and service scheduling guidelines

Commissioner Wheeler asked who was on the IT committee. Mr. Harter stated Ryan Adkinson, Pam Dunham, Jeremy Seglem, and Darryl Lutz are on the committee.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the updated technology policies and their addition as section 26 to the Butler County Administrative Policies. Commission Chair Herzet seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #3 - SW BUTLER RD PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION - WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (WAMPO) 2023-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

Darryl Lutz, Director of Public Works, came before the Board for approval to adjust the funding level request made to WAMPO for proposed roadway improvements on SW Butler Rd between SW 170th St and SW 155th St. Butler County has recently completed the construction of one mile of SW Butler Rd and a roundabout at SW 150th St. A one and a half mile segment of SW Butler Rd remains unimproved between SW 170th St and the south limits of the roundabout which is half a mile south of SW 150th St. This segment is the only County project in WAMPO's current long range transportation plan. The total project construction and construction engineering (CE) cost including the bridge is estimated at \$11,683,800. Butler County requested 80% of \$10,160,600 WAMPO funding for the project costs excluding the bridge, which would net \$8,128,480 in federal funds. Butler County's share of construction and CE costs would be \$3,555,400, which is approximately 30% of the total construction and CE costs. The County will pay 100% of the estimated \$1,360,000.00 in design fees, right-of-way costs and utility relocation fees. WAMPO is asking applicants to be willing to accept a lower share of federal funds in order to get more projects included in the new TIP. This request is with the understanding that if additional federal funds become available, the federal funding allocation would be increased during the TIP amendment process. Staff believes this project is a priority project for the County and has requested direction from the Board for possibly taking on a greater share of the cost.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the submission of the supplemental information for proposed roadway improvements on SW Butler Rd between SW 170th St and SW 155th St. on this to WAMPO. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commission Chair Herzet inquired about what could be done to make the intersection safer at Santa Lake Fe Rd and SW 150th St, where a double fatality accident occurred on April 4, 2022. Mr. Lutz stated he had not yet seen the accident report. Mr. Lutz and the Board discussed the possibility of adding flashing lights to the stop signs at the intersection.

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ITEM #4 – ADJUSTMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE WAITING PERIOD

Will Johnson, County Administrator, and Sandy Ziemann, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, came before the Board for approval to modify the waiting period for health, dental and vision insurance coverage from 60 days to 30 days from the date of hire. Participation in the plan would begin the first day of the month coinciding with the completion of the waiting period; provided all required forms are properly submitted. The waiting period has been a hindrance in the hiring of some prospective employees.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the health, dental and vision waiting period from 60 days to 30 days from hire date. Participation in the plan would begin the first day of the month coinciding with the completion of the waiting period provided all required forms are properly submitted. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve vouchers dated April 5, 2022, in the amount of \$250,595.43. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ADDS & ABATES

There were no Adds and Abates.

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

Commissioner Wheeler discussed the NACO newsletter.

Administrator Johnson, David Alfaro, Kelly Herzet and Mr. Lutz attended the K254 corridor meeting on April 1, 2022. It was announced that the safety study will be initiated and recommendations will be made for future projects from it.

Administrator Johnson is meeting with a resident of Butler County regarding a neighbor potentially starting a chicken farm operation. David Alfaro, Director of Community Development has also been in contact.

Administrator Johnson stated he received the draft pay study plan that was conducted for the County and is working on a plan to present to the Board.

Administrator Johnson has ordered the Bluetooth transponder for the sound system in the Commission Meeting Room to enable people with hearing aids to enhance hearing at the meetings.

Commissioner Woydziak informed the Board that Judge Ricke's wife passed away and the service is Friday, April 8, 2022.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.