

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 14, 2020

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

INVOCATION

Ryan Adkison presented the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the minutes of the Butler County Commission meeting from April 7, 2020, as written. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Woydziak informed the Board that former Emergency Management Director, Jim Schmidt, passed away this morning and sent his condolences to Mr. Schmidt's family.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tatum Stafford, Butler County Clerk, came before the Board and presented total cost numbers to send out a mailer for advanced ballot applications to all active voters in Butler County. Mrs. Stafford stated the total will be around \$21,000.00. Commissioner Myers did not feel sending out a mailer would be a cost saving to the County and was not supportive.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the expenditure for \$21,000 to send out a mailer for advanced ballot applications to all active Butler County voters. Commission Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Myers opposed.

(00:10:30)

ITEM #1 – COVID-19 UPDATE – WORK SESSION

Jamie Downs, Health Department Director, came before the Board to give an update on COVID-19. Mrs. Downs stated there are now 1,376 positive COVID-19 cases in Kansas, 62 deaths and Butler County is now at nine cases. The most recent case in Butler County is an inmate at the El Dorado Correctional Facility. Mrs. Downs informed the Board that beginning Friday, April 17th, the State is changing how they classify positive COVID-19 cases. Mrs. Downs stated probable cases are going to be counted as positive cases in everyone who is exhibiting the symptoms. Commissioner Masterson inquired about the self-reporting form that is on the Butler County website. Mrs. Downs stated the self-reporting form was set up with the purpose to get feedback from people who have had symptoms of COVID-19 and who have stayed home and self-isolated. There have been twenty-six people who have completed the online form so far. The symptoms on the self-reporting form include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue and loss of taste and smell. Commissioner Myers and Commissioner Masterson expressed some concern with the self-reporting form. Commissioner Masterson stated he does not want to generate higher numbers of COVID-19 to receive more Federal Assistance. Mrs. Downs stated

the total numbers from the self-reporting form are not combined with the State of Kansas number of positive cases.

Dr. Paige Dodson, Butler County Medical Director, came before the Board to discuss the self-reporting form. Dr. Dodson stated the form originated from the Wyandotte County Public Health Officer with the idea behind it being to find clusters of positive outbreaks faster. Dr. Dodson stated the form has nothing to do with generating data for the positive numbers for federal assistance, it is simply about control and public health. Dr. Dodson stated no one will really know how many positive cases there are of COVID-19 until this passes because our testing frequency is so low. Dr. Dodson stated it is important to look for pockets of disease to help get ahead of the outbreak. Commissioner Masterson inquired about Dr. Dodson's professional opinion on the COVID-19 crisis in Butler County. Dr. Dodson informed the Board that Kansas has not hit its peak, and social distancing is more important than ever right now. Dr. Dodson stated if the Board chooses to re-open to the public, they would be acting prematurely. Dr. Dodson also discussed probable cases and a presumptive case with the Board. A presumptive positive is someone with multiple days of a fever, shortness of breath, and other symptoms fitting very strict guidelines. Dr. Dodson informed the Board to be mindful about what is actual public health science and look at the facts.

Mrs. Downs presented a sample policy to the Commission to consider which would require all employees to wear a facemask when they do not have the ability to social distance themselves from others at work. Currently, the only issue with the policy is a lack of masks for employees. Mrs. Downs recommended this policy be set in place until further notice.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to implement the Butler County Mask Policy beginning Monday, April 20th and to continue until further notice. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2. Commissioner Myers and Commissioner Masterson opposed.

Keri Korthals, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board to discuss personal protective equipment (PPE). Ms. Korthals stated Emergency Management received a distribution from the State of PPE but are still low on medical gloves and isolation gowns. Ms. Korthals felt that things are improving in the medical supply area for Butler County because we work with a group of vendors that supply to smaller operations. Ms. Korthals also noted all PPE expenses should be reimbursable through FEMA, along with overtime expenses.

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ITEM #2 – SHELTER IN PLACE (SIP) PLAN FOR 9-1-1

Chris Davis, 9-1-1 Director, came before the Board for approval of the SIP plan for 9-1-1. The SIP plan provides support for those volunteers by having coworkers (not able to SIP) a place to work that is physically separated. The plan allows for up to eight volunteers (four each for twelve hour shifts) to shelter in place, sleep in offices and training spaces, and have meals delivered to them. Mr. Davis stated several employees have spontaneously volunteered but it is estimated that the number of volunteers will be fewer than eight. Mr. Davis stated, overall, dispatchers can not answer 9-1-1 calls from home and they have only limited radio operations. Mr. Davis stated the County does not have the ability internally to test employees for COVID-19, but the County can send anyone to the health department, have them tested and receive results back within 24 hours. The Commissioners came to the consensus to table the item.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to table the Shelter In Place Plan for 9-1-1. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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RECESS

Commission Chairman Murphy recessed the meeting of the Board at 10:33 a.m. for six minutes.

Commission Chairman Murphy reconvened the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

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ITEM #3 – NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

Chris Davis, 9-1-1 Director, came before the Board for approval of Resolution 20-12, a proclamation declaring National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Butler County, Kansas, and to authorize the Chair to sign. Every year, during the second week of April, the telecommunicator personnel in the public safety community are honored by this weeklong event as a time to celebrate and thank those who dedicate their lives to serving the public.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Resolution 20-12, a proclamation declaring National Public Safety Telecommunications week in Butler County, Kansas, and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #4 – FY2021 KDOC-JS BLOCK GRANT JCAB GRANT APPLICATION

Ann Carpenter, Community Corrections Director, came before the Board for approval of the grant application for FY21 KDOC-JS Block grant and JCAB grant application beginning July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$700,263.72. This is the annual application for the majority of funding for juvenile services for community corrections. This year the JCAB grant is new. This is a community-based program that is evidence based and will be provided by South Central Mental Health, if approved. The grant is in the amount of \$142,000. This funding will allow the current programs to continue for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the JCAB grant application for Community Corrections in the amount of \$700,263.72 for FY21 and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #5 – FY21 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT APPLICATION

Ann Carpenter, Community Corrections Director, came before the Board for approval of the application to KDOC for the FY21 Behavioral Health Grant for \$6,385.00 to provide payment of services for adult clients. This annual grant pays for a portion of behavioral health screens, assessments, therapy and group. It also pays for a small number of medicine prescribed to clients and it helps pay for Batterer's Intervention Program for a small number of clients. Mrs. Carpenter stated these funds help improve the successful completion of supervision for some clients. For the current year, Community Corrections has assisted thirty-five clients with services and approximately fifteen of those clients have benefited from this grant.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the FY21 Behavioral Health Grant application to KDOC in the amount of \$6,350.00 and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #6 – FY21-23 JUVENILE REINVESTMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Ann Carpenter, Community Corrections Director, came before the Board for approval of the FY21-23 Juvenile Reinvestment Grant application in the amount of \$17,335.00. Mrs. Carpenter stated this grant is a local allocation that supports the regional collaboration grant that provides services for local youth through the Evening Reporting Center in Sedgwick County. This grant pays for the staff transport officers and maintenance on the vehicle used to transport.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the Reinvestment Grant application for FY21-23 in the amount of \$17,334.00 by Community Corrections and authorized the Chair to sign. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #7 – EXPANDED OPERATING HOURS FOR THE LANDFILL

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for approval of the plan to modify the landfill operating hours to open one hour earlier on weekdays. The landfill, for as long as staff is aware, has operated Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A few years ago, the County Commission approved shortening the operating hours on Saturday to close at 2:30 p.m. For years, the County has had customers waiting at the gate of the landfill at 8:30 a.m. to dump trash. Many of these customers have been commercial haulers that collect commercial trash or haulers for contractors. With the County's current waste contracts and with the urging of our largest in-County municipal customer, the County was asked to consider opening early during the week to accommodate commercial trash disposal. The estimated cost for labor and salary related overhead is \$74 per day and the estimated equipment cost is \$130 per day. Most of the benefit expected from this change will be existing customers being able to service commercial accounts earlier in the morning to allow trucks to be free for residential customers during the day. Waste Link and Waste Connections both indicated that opening one hour earlier could allow some additional commercial waste to be diverted to Butler County, but, could not quantify at this time. The City of El Dorado also indicated that they would very much like the landfill to open one hour earlier so they can service all of their commercial customers in the early morning before employees and customers start filling parking lots. Mr. Lutz recommended that the County proceed with modifying the landfill operating hours to open one hour earlier (7:30 a.m.) on Monday through Friday and retain Saturday hours from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Commissioner Myers would like a report of the progress after six months of changing the hours.

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve modifying the landfill operating hours to open one hour early on weekdays setting the new operating hours to be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #8 – PROPOSED 2020-2024 CIP WORK SESSION (EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC FACILITIES, TECHNOLOGY/OTHER)

Ryan Adkison, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board for discussion on the proposed 2020-2024 CIP. Each year, the BOCC reviews the proposed CIP over two work sessions before adoption. The Proposed 2020-2024 CIP totals \$69,569,325 or \$6,569,325 more than the prior year amount of \$ 63,291,145. Primary funding is derived from operational transfers and the primary project categories are roads and bridges. No action was taken.

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VOUCHERS

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve vouchers for April 14, 2020, in the amount of \$769,633.25. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ADDS & ABATES

There were no Adds & Abates.

(02:00:00)

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

Commissioner Myers shared an e-mail he received from a constituent regarding implementing regulations for the use of tannerite in Butler County.

Commissioner Myers inquired about the status of IPS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commission Chairman Murphy motioned to recess into Executive Session under the following exceptions to the Kansas Open Meetings Act, to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, starting at 12:50 p.m. and with the public session resuming at 1:05 p.m. this 14th day of April, 2020. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.