

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 12, 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

Pastor Wanetta Baldwin, Community of Christ Church, El Dorado, presented the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Myers provided the following amendment: Strike the “%” on page 2, Item #1. Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020, Butler County Commission meeting with the above amendment. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Will Carpenter, Kansas Representative 75th District, came before the Board to thank the Commission for remaining calm and not creating more chaos during the COVID-19 pandemic. Representative Carpenter stated he is on the Appropriation Committee and the State of Kansas is looking at a \$1.2 billion budget shortfall for 2021 and 2022. Representative Carpenter stated it is important that small businesses are able to go back to work as soon as possible, stating it is devastating to think about all of the business owners and families going without money for three months. Commissioner Masterson stated some people are making more money by being on unemployment than actually working. Representative Carpenter noted the extra \$600 that people are getting on unemployment from the Federal Government expires on July 31.

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ITEM #1 – WORK SESSION – COVID-19 UPDATE

Jamie Downs, Butler County Health Department Director, came before the Board to give an update on the COVID-19 virus. Mrs. Downs stated she is hopeful that the State will move forward to Phase 2 on Monday, May 18th. Mrs. Downs noted that as of right now, the State of Kansas is calm. The State has finally added in the probable numbers, which added two positive cases to our numbers. Butler County is currently at an 11.79/1,000 testing rate. Fifty people were tested at the Health Department and the Wal-Mart testing site has tested around thirty people.

Keri Korthals, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board to give an update on COVID-19. Ms. Korthals stated that right now everyone is waiting to hear what the Governor decides. KDHE is now only publishing new numbers three times a week instead of every day. The Board will have a full discussion next week on how the County is going to handle completely re-opening and personal protective equipment. No action was taken.

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ITEM #2 – LANDFILL FEE ASSISTANCE REQUEST – DONGES PROPERTIES

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of a request from Donges Properties for assistance with landfill fees associated with the Haverhill and SW Bluestem Road Mobile Home Parks recently purchased by Donges Properties. In January, Natalie Donges appeared before the board on behalf of Donges Properties asking for assistance with landfill fees for the cleanup of mobile home sites they recently acquired from Hanks Properties. Both properties, located in the unincorporated area of the County, have been subject of past enforcement issues for both sanitary and nuisance code violations. The Board discussed their desire to develop a policy to assist with projects like this in the unincorporated areas of the County and on February 18th adopted the Landfill Fee Assistance Program, AR-20-01. Since the purchase of the properties and discussion with the Commission, the Donges have been working on cleaning up the properties waiting on guidance from County. Before changes to landfill operations, in regards to not accepting whole mobile homes, the estimated cost was between \$6,000 to \$9,000. After the landfill's modification of its whole mobile home acceptance policy the estimate for the disposal of the trailers almost doubled. Mrs. Donges did move forward with the cleanup, which is now complete, and spent \$19,031.70 in landfill fees for the three sites. The site in Towanda is not eligible and accounted for \$7,542.52 in landfill fees, leaving \$11,489.18 as qualifying expenses. Administrator Johnson stated the program was developed at the request of Donges Properties, and even though the work started prior to the program being approved, they have met all the qualifying criteria necessary for consideration and approval. All preliminary conditions for consideration were met and staff supports a recommendation for support of funding not to exceed 50% of the documented landfill fees, which total \$11,489.18, for the qualifying parks. This would result in full program reimbursement of \$5,000 to be paid from the landfill fund. Commissioner Myers stated Mrs. Donges' provided a detailed list of bills and other documents to the Board and it was superb and very organized.

Commissioner Myers motioned to approve the support of the staff recommendation to fund the request from Donges Properties for reimbursement of landfill fees in accordance with the Landfill Fee Assistance Program, AR-20-01, in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Donges thanked the Commissioners for approving her request.

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ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2020 ADULT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Monty Herbert, Community Corrections Deputy Director, came before the Board for approval of the fiscal year 2021 Adult Block Grant Application in the amount of \$439,561.24. There is no match requirement for this funding.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the fiscal year 2021 adult comprehensive plan and block grant in the amount of \$439,561.24 and authorized the chair to sign. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #4 – EMS AMBULANCE BID REQUEST – REPLACEMENT AMBULANCES

Frank Williams, EMS Director, came before the Board for approval to allow Butler County EMS to solicit ambulance manufacturer bids for two new Type III (Box) ambulances. This action would replace one unit that was crashed with total loss and one as a CIP scheduled replacement

this budget year. EMS has seven ambulances total in their fleet. The new box style design incorporates the same interior and exterior safety as the van style ambulances. The box style also allows more room for all possible EMS transport needs. This includes additional seat belted positions for prison guards to transport patients from the local prison, disaster response/transport of multiple victims, a second stretcher (laydown) patient (if there are multiple patients), family members of a pediatric patient and/or firefighter rehabilitation during a large fire. The 2020 CIP was approved for the purchase of two ambulances at an estimated total of \$300,000.00. In addition to the CIP allocation, EMS will receive a \$142,000.00 insurance claim adjustment with full replacement of the crashed unit, totaling \$442,000.00 available to apply to the total cost of two ambulances.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to authorize EMS to start the bid process for replacing two ambulances. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #5 – EMS DEPARTMENT NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD

Frank Williams, EMS Director, came before the Board to recognize the EMS Department for being awarded the Inagural National Safety in EMS Award presented by the EMS Safety Council. Public Outreach and Education Director Stuart Funk accepted the Award on behalf of Butler County EMS in Tampa Florida at the 2020 EMS Today Conference. Mr. Williams stated he is extremely proud of Butler County EMS.

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ITEM #6 – 2020 COUNTY HOT-MIX OVERLAY WORK – STRIPING COST APPROVAL

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for approval of cost proposals for highway striping work for the hot-mix overlay projects on SW 150th Street from SW Santa Fe Lake Road to SW Butler Road and on SW Ohio Street Road from SW 70th Street to K-254. The estimated cost to apply centerline stripes and edge stripes for the SW 150th St overlay project is \$30,224.80, which is based upon a unit price of \$0.27 per lineal foot of stripe from RoadSafe. This is a slightly lower price than the bid for the three overlay projects built in 2018. The County is working on finalizing quantities for striping on the SW Ohio Street Rd project. RoadSafe will use the same unit price of \$0.27 per lineal foot for Ohio Street.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve separate cost proposals from RoadSafe Traffic Systems, El Dorado, KS, for epoxy pavement marking work for the SW 150th Street, hot-mix overlay project from SW Santa Fe Lake Road to SW Butler Road in the estimated cost of \$30,324.80 and for the SW Ohio Street Road hot-mix overlay project from SW 70th Street to K-254 Highway for an estimated cost of \$29,879.20. Commission Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #7 – SPEED LIMIT SIGNS – SW BUTLER ROAD/SW150TH ST. ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board and requested to table this item until staff bring back more information regarding putting speed limit signs and evaluating the speed limit in all of Pleasant Township.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to table this item until staff brings back a recommendation. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Woydziak stated he has received several phone calls and e-mails since the SW Butler Road/SW 150th project began last week asking what to do about people not following the detour route causing a lot of traffic and dust on dirt roads. Commissioner Woydziak stated Public Works staff reacted immediately and put millings on 140th, 159th, 160th and 146th Street, and that has helped tremendously.

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RECESS

Commission Chairman Murphy recessed the meeting of the Board at 10:03 a.m. for five minutes.

Commission Chairman Murphy reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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ITEM #8 – 2020-2024 CIP APPROVAL

Ryan Adkison, Assistant County Administrator/Finance Director, came before the Board for approval of the proposed 2020-2024 CIP. The Commission informally requested a one mill reduction starting in 2022. For the 2021 Budget, one mill equated to approximately \$780,000. The total annual amount of \$780,000 was multiplied by three to arrive at a total reduction for the 2020-2024 CIP of \$2,340,000. Of this reduction amount, approximately 80% was from road and bridge projects. Commissioner Woydziak expressed thanks to staff for their hard work in putting together the CIP every year. Commissioner Myers discussed the advantages of having a 4H grounds in the city limits instead of at the proposed site in the CIP. Commissioner Myers suggested a more prudent response would be to consider a general refurbishment of the current grounds and community building complex.

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the proposed 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1. Commissioner Myers opposed.

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VOUCHERS

Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve vouchers for May 12, 2020, in the amount of \$482,481.92. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

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ADDS & ABATES

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds & Abates #2767 dated May 12, 2020; Adds in the amount of \$79.18 & Abates in the amount of \$88.32. Commissioner Masterson 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 inquired about the vacant IT Director position. Administrator Johnson stated the position has not yet been filled.

Administrator Johnson requested approval of a Letter of Support from the City of Augusta for a half mile of trail from Lulu Street to the Augusta Senior Center to construct a walking trail.

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve the letter of support from the City of Augusta. Commission Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Woydziak informed the Board that he will not be at the June 30th or July 7th Commission meetings.

Administrator Johnson stated the Board will do budget hearings with department heads the week of June 22nd or July 13th.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.