

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

(00:00:08)

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 Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Marc Murphy, Commissioner Darren Jackson, Commissioner Dan Woydziak, Administrator Will Johnson, County Counselor Terry Huelskamp and Clerk Recorder Jennifer Currier.

(00:00:15)

INVOCATION

Pastor David Gibbs, First Baptist Church of Towanda, presented the invocation.

(00:01:04)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2023, Butler County Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Woydziak seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Commission Chair Kelly Herzet abstained due to not being in attendance.

(00:01:26)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick McNary, Shop Kansas Farms, LLC Consultant, came before the Board to give a presentation on Shop Kansas Farms Regional Food System Business and Community Development Program. Mr. McNary discussed the need to build a local food community. The main purpose of Shop Kansas Farms is to have the consumer to buy directly from the farmer/rancher.

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ITEM #1 – ANNUAL REPLACEMENT OF OUTDATED WORKSTATIONS AND MOBILE COMPUTERS

Lew Harter, Information Technology (IT) Director, came before the Board for approval of the purchase of new Dell workstations, Dell mobile computers, and thin clients to replace outdated existing equipment. The County has approximately 400 total workstations and mobile computers. The IT policy recommends a replacement cycle of five years in order to maintain a reliable, secure, and robust computer base to serve the needs of the County. The IT Department maintains a list of all county computing assets by age to create a recommended replacement schedule. Replacing one fifth of the computers per year comes to 80 computers. Replacing them on schedule will minimize downtime for staff due to fewer failures, help maintain productivity due to faster processors, more memory, and faster storage, as well as ensuring that the computers stay updated on the operating system. Out of pocket expenses will be minimized due to warranty coverage. IT staff will spend less time repairing and maintaining failed equipment, which will free up time to devote to other projects and needs. Replacement costs are estimated, due to current market volatility. The estimated average cost per workstation is \$1,100, per laptop is

\$1,500, and per thin client is \$110. The estimated average price per computing device overall is approximately \$812.50; the estimate was based on a predicted mix ratio of workstations, laptops, and thin clients. Staff will replace as many outdated computers as possible up to a maximum expenditure of \$65,000. Staff will work with departments to replace the necessary units during the course of the year. For workstations and laptops, Dell has been the sole source for the County for years; Dell has provided competitive pricing, has been a good partner, and stood behind their products. Staff recommended that the County continue to use Dell for those items.

Commissioner Jackson motioned to approve the purchase of new computers to replace out of date ones for a total cost not to exceed \$65,000 and authorize Staff to sign all purchase documents as needed. Commissioner Murphy seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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ITEM #2 – WHOLESALE WATER #8 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Will Johnson, County Administrator, came before the Board for approval of Resolution No. 23-20 authorizing the execution of an updated Interlocal Agreement for Wholesale Water #8 between the Butler County Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, and Rural Water District #3, Butler County Kansas. Staff has been working with Tim Connell, Legal Counsel, for Rural Water District #3 (RWD3) and Butler County Wholesale Water District #8 (WW8) to update its bylaws and file with the Attorney General's Office (AG's). In working through the process, it was discovered there was no final document signed by the previous Kansas Parks and Public Lands Department now known, as the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT). The AG's Office could not sign off on the bylaw changes without the original fully executed document; Mr. Connell worked with the AG's Office to develop a new Interlocal Agreement. The AG's Office has reviewed and approved, the Agreement is now ready for the execution by all three parties and then it will be filed with the Register of Deeds Office and the Secretary of State.

Commission Chair Herzet motioned to approve Resolution No. 23-20 authorizing the execution of an updated Interlocal Agreement for Wholesale Water #8 between the Butler County Commission, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and Rural Water District #3, Butler County Kansas. Commissioner Masterson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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VOUCHERS

Commissioner Masterson motioned to approve vouchers dated June 6, 2023, in the amount of \$574,149.34. Commissioner ----- Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:20:02)

ADDS AND ABATES

There were no adds and abates.

(00:20:06)

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

Administrator Johnson and the Board discussed the Quad County meeting that is scheduled for June 19th at the Kansas Oil Museum. Administrator Johnson suggested Misfit Kitchen to cater the meeting and the Board agreed.

Administrator Johnson reminded the Board of the Augusta Senior Center lunch on June 13th.

Commission Chair Herzet informed the Board of the 254 Corridor meeting on June 9th at the El Dorado Civic Center.

Administrator Johnson met with Gravity Works and is getting the Event Center Committee back together to discuss a new plan and what it will take to proceed with the Event Center since the County did not receive the SPRINT Grant.

Commission Chair Herzet inquired about the progress of the Butler Road Project. Administrator Johnson stated the pipeline work has been completed. Staff is still projecting to have the project completed by the end of this month.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 9:26 a.m.

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