

**BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

(00:00:04)

**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, Finance Director Ryan Adkison, County Administrator Will Johnson, and Clerk Recorder Jennifer Currier..

(00:00:10)

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Norman Tillotson, Central Baptist Church of Augusta, presented the invocation.

(00:01:20)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Commissioner Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022, Butler County Commission meeting as presented. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0-1. Commission Chair Herzet abstained as he was not in attendance at that meeting.*

(00:01:45)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tiya Tonn, Butler County Farm Bureau Association, came before the Board to discuss the Farm to Fork Festival, A Celebration of local food in Butler County. The festival is Saturday, July 16, 2022 and Saturday, July 23, 2022.

(00:04:55)

**ITEM #1 – LAND ACQUISITION**

Darryl Lutz, Public Works Director, came before the Board for approval of a contract for purchase of property for a materials storage area for the Public Works Department. The County has several strategically located materials stockpile used for the storage of materials needed for planned road maintenance work. The County has utilized the area that is owned by BNSF on the west side of SW Santa Fe Lake Rd on the south side of the BNSF crossing for materials storage. that is owned by BNSF. BNSF has taken over the area occupied by the County for their use related to the double tracking of the BNSF mainline southwest of Augusta. The County has been in search of a new area in the vicinity suitable as a stockpile area. Staff has been in discussion with Mr. Harold Ralston, property owner adjacent to the former stockpile area. Mr. Ralston has agreed to sell the County four acres of land about half a mile south and west of the current stockpile area. The location is on the north side of SW 150<sup>th</sup> St on the east side of the BNSF crossing. Staff has negotiated a purchase price with the property owner. The cost of acquisition will be absorbed as an operations cost related to aggregate purchases.

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to authorize the County Commission Chairman to execute a contract on behalf of Butler County to purchase a four acre tract of land on the north side of SW 150<sup>th</sup> St. east of the BNSF crossing for use as a materials stockpile area and to authorize the County Commission Chair to execute related closing documents on behalf of the County*

on or around the tentative closing date of Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Commissioner Masterson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

(00:12:32)

**ITEM #2 - REVIEW 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The 2023 budget reviews with Department heads and other outside agencies were continued. The schedule of workshops are as follows:

	Monday, July 11, 2022	Tuesday, July 12, 2022	Wednesday, July 13, 2022	Thursday, July 14, 2022
9:00 AM	GIS/Mapping (73)	Butler County Commission Meeting	Extension Office (148)	Fire Districts
9:15 AM	Community Development (47)		SCARF (216)	
9:30 AM	Emergency Mgmt. (64)	Dept. on Aging (11)	Leadership Butler (202)	
9:45 AM	County Attorney (37)	Emergency Communications (56)	BBBS (215)	Historical Societies (160)
10:00 AM	Facilities Management (113)	Clerk/Elections (42)	CDDO (154)	Overview
10:15 AM	Noxious Weeds (121)	Appraiser (34)	Soil Conservation (207)	
10:30 AM	Public Works/Landfill (112)	District Court (142)	Butler County Fair Association (150)	
10:45 AM		Community Corrections (101)	CASA (226)	
11:00 AM		Health (76)	South Central Mental Health (92)	
11:15 AM		Computer Services (53)	Register of Deeds (126)	
11:30 AM	Sheriff/Jail (130)	Treasurer/Motor Vehicle (135)	Administration (5)	
11:45 AM		EMS/Rescue Squad (67)	Overflow	
12:00 PM				
12:15 PM				
12:30 PM				
12:45 PM				
1:00 PM				

Tuesday, July 19, 2022	: 1) Workshop - Budget Review : 2) Notify Co. Clerk with intent to exceed RNR : 3) Set RNR/Pub. Hearing Date/Max Mill
Tuesday, July 26, 2022	: Workshop - Budget Review as needed
Tuesday, August 2, 2022	: Workshop - Budget Review as needed
Tuesday, August 9, 2022	: Workshop - Budget Review as needed
Tuesday, August 16, 2022	: Workshop - Budget Review as needed
Tuesday, August 23, 2022	: 1) Hold tax rate hearing : 2) Hold budget hearing (must be between 08-20 & 09-20) : 3) adopt resolution to exceed RNR, : 4) adopt budget

**Budget Timeline**

- June 15<sup>th</sup>: Assessed property valuations from county clerks – will include RNR
- July 20<sup>th</sup>: Last day to notify county clerk of intent to levy above RNR (provide proposed tax rate and hearing information)
- August 20<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup>: Hold RNR hearing prior to or in conjunction with budget hearing
  - Each hearing must be published and in each case must be done at least 10 days prior to the hearing date.
- August 25<sup>th</sup>: Subdivisions not exceeding RNR will submit budget to county clerk
- August 20<sup>th</sup>- October 1<sup>st</sup>: Governing body formally adopts budget
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>: Governing body certifies budget to county clerk
- By December 31<sup>st</sup>: County Clerk provides budget to Municipal Services

(00:56:03)

**RECESS**

Commission Chair Herzet recessed the Commission meeting at 9:56 a.m. for 5 minutes.

(00:56:17)

**RECONVENE**

Commission Chair Herzet reconvened the Commission meeting at 10:01 a.m.

*No action was taken.*

(02:28:06)

**VOUCHERS**

Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve vouchers dated July 12, 2022, in the amount of \$312,032.57. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

(02:28:23)

**ADDS & ABATES**

*Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve Adds in the amount of \$268.76 and Abates in the amount of \$24.58. Commissioner Masterson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.*

(02:28:43)

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

Commissioner Wheeler will not be in attendance for the budget workshops on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Commissioner Murphy will not be in attendance for Commission Meeting on August 23, 2022.

Commissioner Masterson will not be in attendance for Commission Meetings on July 26, 2022 and August 9, 2022.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board hotel reservations for the KAC Conference have been made.

Administrator Johnson and the Board agreed for the Budget Hearing will take place on August 30, 2022.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board the Butler County Fair begins on Friday, July 8, 2022.

(02:38:10)

**RECESS**

Commission Chair Herzet recessed the Commission meeting at 11:43 a.m. to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. July 13, 2022.

(00:01:04)

**RECONVENE**

Commission Chair Herzet reconvened the Commission meeting at 9:00 a.m. July 13, 2022. Commissioner Wheeler was not present.

(00:01:13)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

(00:01:21)

**ITEM #1 - REVIEW 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The 2023 budget reviews with Department heads and other outside agencies were continued.

*No action was taken.*

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

Special District Funds	Prior Year Actual for 2021		Current Year Estimate for 2022		Proposed Budget Year for 2023					July 1, 2022 Estimated Valuation	2023-2022 %Δ in Mill \$Δ in Exp. request	2023-2022 request	
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*	Revenue Neutral Rate**					
Fire District #1 Andover	372,615	11.071	383,670	11.072	431,175	361,791	10.386	9.692	34,835,769	Follow pro	-6.2%	47,505	based on city of Andover FD budget and AV portion between Andover and FD1
Fire District #2 Augusta	287,286	4.891	342,373	4.879	378,880	334,446	4.880	4.336	68,528,705	Follow pro	0.0%	36,507	4.88 mills
Fire District #3 Rose Hill	703,016	8.199	786,371	8.199	876,170	761,040	8.100	7.339	93,960,271	Follow pro	-1.2%	89,799	8.099 mills
Fire District #4 Cassoday	47,157	5.594	46,470	5.594	52,585	47,779	5.594	5.089	8,540,852	Follow pro	0.0%	6,115	5.594 mills
Fire District #5 Rosalia/Chebs	74,968	5.233	76,762	5.121	83,830	74,082	4.996	4.535	14,827,329	Follow pro	-2.4%	7,069	\$80,000
Fire District #6 Latham	61,478	10.386	64,932	10.391	74,345	68,137	10.386	9.335	6,560,448	Follow pro	0.0%	9,413	10.386 mills
Fire District #7 Benton	241,714	5.177	261,802	5.232	282,210	244,658	5.198	4.732	47,070,219	Follow pro	-0.6%	20,409	5.197 mills
Fire District #8 Douglas	161,463	7.109	170,788	7.109	180,030	162,558	7.105	6.399	22,879,356	Follow pro	-0.1%	9,242	7.105 mills
Fire District #9 Leon	78,886	5.820	87,788	5.825	98,450	88,814	6.000	5.037	14,803,265	Follow pro	3.0%	10,662	6 mills

**Commissioner Woydziak motioned to approve the intent to exceed the County Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) of 29.620 with a proposed mill levy rate not to exceed 32.343 and the intent to exceed the RNR for fire districts 1-9 with a hearing date of August 30, 2022 at 9:00a.m. to be held at the Butler County Courthouse in El Dorado, Kansas. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

(02:14:55)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Woydziak motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Masterson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**